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On page 21 you can see photographs of this year's Vale Show – and next week keep an eye out for the results and more images

Years 4 and 5 children from Rhws Primary School looked to the skies last term as part of a project in Rhoose. See The GEM next week for a full report.

Men had drugs worth £20,000 in Barry home

DRUGS worth £20,000 were found when a police team searched a house in Barry, Cardiff Crown Court has been told, ***writes AJ SICLUNA*****.**

"It was a significant find and the drugs were of high purity," said prosecutor Janet Macdonald.

Christopher Way (32) of Harbour Road, Barry, was found guilty of conspiring to supply amphetamine.

David Coomber (63) of Woodlands Road, Barry, pleaded guilty to conspiring to supply the drug.

Way was jailed for 30 months, and Coomber, who failed to appear and was sentenced in his absence, received 15 months.

Ms Macdonald said that in April, police went to Coomber's home and found large amounts of amphetamine in a freezer, and a set of scales.

Fingerprints traced to Way were found on a number of items.

Way, the court heard, had convictions for offences of dishonesty and possessing an offensive weapon.

His counsel, Rebecca Griffiths, said: "He does not have an extensive record, and he has not served a custodial sentence. The case has been hanging over him for some time, which has been a great strain. While on bail, he has not re-offended."

She said he suffered from a foot injury which caused him chronic pain. She added that he had not played a leading role in the offence.

Kevin Seal, for Coomber, asked the court to give him credit for his guilty plea.

Judge Tom Crowther said both men made substantial gains from the enterprise.

Vale Show a celebration of local and Welsh farming excellence!

At the Vale Show. Photo by Glyn Evans.

IT wasn't just sheep that flocked to The Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show – people joined them in their thousands.

As The GEM was going to press yesterday (Wednesday) there were predictions that it was one of the best-attended Vale shows ever.

From very early in the morning, competitors, and then visitors, started arriving from all parts of Wales, and from Herefordshire and the west country.

The forecast of some light afternoon rain deterred no-one and it remained mostly sunny all day.

Hot topic for the agricultural community – and the political parties that have a presence at the show – was the post-Referendum world and the forthcoming Brexit.

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'GO-AHEAD FOR PUPPY FARM BEYOND BELIEF'

I AM writing to tell those of you who do not already know, that a High Court judge has ruled that the Beagle puppy farm in East Yorkshire can go ahead – he also ruled that an outside run isn't necessary.

These puppies will never see the sun or walk on grass; they could then be sold to a research facility for vivisection.

It is beyond belief that this is happening in this country in the 21st century. The giant pharmaceutical companies call all the shots.

Please support Cruelty Free International (previously BUAV) in its fight to appeal this decision.

Diane Mitchell
(British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection)

'Montgomery Road surface very poor'

WHILE I applaud the Vale Council's pothole campaign to fill in the numerous holes on the roads of the Vale, I can't believe that Montgomery Road has yet to be filled in or resurfaced.

I use the road on a regular basis and every time I drive on it, more and more cracks and holes are appearing, which will only lead to bigger issues further down the line.

Having seen how successful the resurfacing of Park Road was, I can only hope the council see fit to bestow the same care and attention on Montgomery Road.

(Name and address supplied)

Local facilities in the spotlight

Rhoose v Llantwit debate welcomed

FURTHER to Coun John's recent GEM letter about 3G sports pitches (*Rhoose v Llantwit Major: Putting record straight on rival local amenities*), I was interested to read of the achievements of Llantwit Major Town Council in providing local facilities by raising their own funds through the precept.

However, since Coun John's letter was in response to a reader's letter complaining about a lack of 3G pitches in Rhoose, I feel I should point out, for avoidance of any misunderstanding, that the 3G pitch to be built at Llantwit Major Comprehensive is not being funded by Llantwit Major Town Council, but by Vale of Glamorgan Council, in conjunction with the Welsh Government.

I was surprised, but also interested to hear his view that Rhoose should not have disbanded its Community Council. This is a view being expressed more and more frequently within Rhoose, although this has more to do with the perceived disregard of Rhoose in recent years by Vale of Glamorgan Council than with any wish to raise additional cash from Rhoose council taxpayers to upgrade our own facilities.

I am, nonetheless, grateful to Coun John for his contribution, which I am sure will inspire a lively debate amongst the people of Rhoose over the coming months.

This is a debate I will very much welcome.

Coun Adam Riley,
Independent, Rhoose ward.

A reader's fond memory of Essex

THE name St Osyth in Laurie Owen's article about the Murrell family in The GEM sparked my interest, as I visited St Osyth Priory as a child with my parents and younger brother just after the end of World War Two.

We were staying near Clacton on holiday and walked to St Osyth, which was an isolated spot with no transport links. The Priory has a magnificent flint gatehouse and we were able to go around the grounds within. I remember a peaceful garden, a clock tower and a tiny chapel. Also, a lake with stepping stones. I believe it was used for soldiers convalescing after the war.

I found a lot of photographs of the Priory on the internet, many early ones, and also reports of a planning application to build houses in the grounds, over which there was a good deal of local opposition.

Is the house still standing in Barry? I would like to know the location. Thank you for reminding me of my life before coming to Wales, as I have fond memories of Essex.

Mrs Dorothy Friend,
Dinas Powys.

Waste of time...

THE Vale Council recently notified us of changing the rubbish collection days from Tuesdays to Wednesdays.

We duly complied – as did a dozen or so other residents in our local area. Fifty four hours later (Friday, 2pm) and despite several phone calls to the council refuse department, we are still waiting for the black bags to be collected.

Derek Hooper,
Barry.

Horse-riding family in call for safer roads...

Alun Cairns on horseback.

A DINAS Powys family is trying to make horse riding on public roads safer for riders and drivers by promoting the 'Pass Wide and Slow' campaign in the Vale.

The campaign aims to reduce the number of accidents involving horses by informing drivers of the danger that frightened horses can pose to vehicles.

The Smalley family, who ride near Wenvoe, are concerned that riding is becoming more dangerous due to increased traffic, with a corresponding increase in drivers who do not know how to approach horses.

Eleven riders were killed and 116 seriously injured across the UK last yea,r as a result of collisions with vehicles.

There are fears that that figure could rise as greenfield development continues apace across areas such as the Vale, adding hundreds of commuting drivers to rural roads.

Ulrike Smalley said that too many drivers don't realise how unpredictable and easily spooked horses can be.

She has enlisted the help of Vale MP Alun Cairns and Vale-based regional AM Andrew RT Davies to spread the 'Pass Wide and Slow' message locally.

Last week, the politicians joined the family for a ride along local roads to promote the campaign and witness the problem first-hand.

Mrs Smalley said: "Although a lot of drivers are considerate and pass us with caution, there are always those unwilling to slow down and we have had more than one incident of drivers sounding their horn when asked to slow down, and driving past at speed.

"We are now very cautious of taking our nine-year-old daughter out hacking, which is sad, as it gives her much pleasure, gets her out and about, and builds her confidence."

Mr Cairns, after having ridden around Wenvoe with the Smalley family, said: "It is a shame that some drivers, often more through ignorance than carelessness, can cause riding to be far more dangerous than it needs to be. Road users need to know that horses are very unpredictable and that riders never have full control of the animals.

"As I discovered on my ride, horses can be spooked by as little as a change in the colour of tarmac on the road."

Andrew RT Davies AM also met with Mrs Smalley and fellow riders to be presented with a 'Pass Wide and Slow' leaflet designed by young rider Keri Mills as part of her English homework.

Her work is now the official leaflet of the campaign and was praised by Mr Davies as "far more informative and engaging than the majority of political leaflets I have seen in my time."

Mr Davies said: "The 'Pass Wide and Slow' campaign is a fantastic initiative to raise awareness of the dangers horse riders face out on the roads.As keen riders, Ulrike and her family experience these regularly, and I am grateful to them for taking the time to meet with me to explain what can be done to improve things.

"Here in the Vale, we are fortunate to have many riding facilities available, but obviously it comes with risks that must be kept to a minimum.

"Horses are easily scared by cars that don't take care when passing, and this can cause them to spook and rear, putting the horse, the rider and the driver in danger."

• ABOVE: Jocelle Lovell, Angela Baker, Rachel Francis, and Ulrike Smalley are pictured with Andrew RT Davies AM.

'Thank you, Princess of Wales Hospital'

WHEN my husband was taken ill, an ambulance arrived within minutes of the call.

A thorough examination was done by excellent medics. We were then transported to A & E at the Princess of Wales in Bridgend and were attended to immediately by very caring and wonderful people.

Test were done immediately and he then stayed in hospital for another five days.

Everything was first class – from consultants to doctors, nurses, and staff– and the food was good, too!

He is being monitored in Outpatients with wonderful attention; so far, so good.

Thank you again, Princess of Wales Hospital. We are lucky to have you.

Pat Kent, Maendy.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL AUGUST 18)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
11 Thur	00.09	8.1	12.39	7.8
12 Fri	01.04	7.7	13.48	7.5
13 Sat	02.21	7.3	15.11	7.4
14 Sun	03.47	7.4	16.24	7.8
15 Mon	04.51	7.9	17.18	8.4
16 Tues	05.44	8.5	18.04	9.0
17 Wed	06.27	9.1	18.51	9.5
18 Thur	07.11	9.6	19.31	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Stewart McPherson received VC after Siege of Lucknow (1857)

Godfrey plans to pay respects to his family's Scottish hero

A man from Barry is planning to visit the resting place of an ancestor in Scotland who won the Victoria Cross.

Godfrey Knight is well known to GEM readers as an enthusiastic champion of the people of Haiti, organising a number of fundraisers to help the country following a devastating earthquake.

Thanks to some family research, Godfrey discovered recently that he is the great-great-great grandson of Stewart McPherson (born Culross, Fife, in 1822) who was decorated after the Siege of Lucknow – which took place during the Indian Mutiny.

McPherson, a colour sergeant, saw action in Persia, India and Ireland. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for "daring gallantry" in the Lucknow Residency on September 26, 1857, having rescued a wounded Private of his Company while he was under heavy fire.

Godfrey Knight.

During the action, he distinguished himself on many occasions by his "coolness and gallantry in action".

McPherson was presented with his award by Queen Victoria in person at Windsor Castle in December 1880.

On retiring from the British Army, he served as superintendent of Glasgow Industrial Schools.

When he moved back to Culross, he named his house 'Lucknow Villa' – in memory of his time in India. He died there at the age of 70 in 1892, and was buried in the cemetery at Culross Abbey.

The Victoria Cross was instituted in 1856, for "gallantry in the face of the enemy" and has only been awarded 1,358 times to 1,355 recipients.

A businessman in Scotland, Alan Johnson, thought Stewart McPherson's courage should be recognised in his home village and Fife Council awarded an £1,800 grant to pay for an Indian granite stone, quarried not far from Lucknow.

The stone and its plaque have now been unveiled at Culross Parish Church.

Godfrey said: "Having found out about the illustrious history of my ancestor, I am hoping to make a trip to Scotland to pay my respects at Culross Parish Church and at the abbey."

MERTHYR DYFAN CEMETERY GAINS GREEN FLAG STATUS

COUNCILLORS and staff at Barry Town Council has announced that Merthyr Dyfan cemetery, Barry has been awarded Green Flag status by Keep Wales Tidy.

A spokesperson said that council staff work hard all year round to ensure the cemetery consistently meets the judges' criteria and after an initial application and visit from the judges, July 21 marked the day.

Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery will be hosting a small event to launch the Green Flag and the council is looking forward to maintaining and achieving this quality status for other sites within Barry.

As well as the right to fly the Green Flag, the cemetery is now one of a group of sites that have all been judged as some of the best in the country!

The council were officially presented with the Green Flag at an event held on July 28.

Once planning permission has been received to erect a flagpole in the cemetery, the flag will be proudly flown, the spokesperson added.

Witness appeal after alleged rape at train station

DETECTIVES from British Transport Police are appealing for information after a girl was allegedly raped at Barry Docks station.

The incident happened just off the platform shortly after 9pm on Friday, July 29.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Dilwyn Lewis said: "This was an extremely distressing incident for the victim and we have specially trained officers fully supporting her at this difficult time.

"At this stage we are examining multiple lines of enquiry but it is essential that witnesses contact us so we can investigate thoroughly.

"Incidents like this are extremely rare and I want to reassure the public that we are doing everything to establish the circumstances of what has happened and bring the offender to justice. If you have any concerns at all, don't hesitate to talk to one of our officers.

"If you saw what happened or witnessed anything suspicious at the station or on the station approach, please text us on 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40 quoting reference '147 of 03/08/2016'.

"Alternatively you can pass information anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

A 21-year-old man from Cardiff has been arrested on suspicion of rape and released on bail until Tuesday September 13.

Three shouts (*and three cheers*) in one day for RNLI

THE crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat were kept busy on Saturday, August 6, with three calls for help coming to the station.

Crew were first called out at 11.30am to assist a yacht, which lost a life-raft overboard. The yacht's crew were unable to recover the raft themselves, so the lifeboat went out to recover this essential piece of kit, and possibly prevent an emergency call out later in the day if the raft was spotted adrift in the water.

At 3.59pm, the crew were called out again, this time to search for an eight-year-old child who had gone missing off Whitmore Bay.

The crew searched the area, until the call came to say that she had been found safe and well on land. The crew made the lifeboat ready for its next call-out and left for home.

They were not away from the station long before the next call came at 5.04pm.

This time a jetskier was reported to be in trouble off Nell's Point, but as the crew were running to the lifeboat, they were stood down.

It was already a big day for the lifeboat station as it was the wedding day of crewman Josh Brown and his now wife Hannah.

Some crew members volunteered to man the boat for the day while the other crew helped Josh and Hannah celebrate their big day.

All at Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat station wish them a long and happy marriage.

Yacht crew rescued

LEFT: The rescue in progress. *Photo by James King.*

PENARTH'S volunteer lifeboat crews were paged on Sunday (August 7) to reports of a yacht in difficulty just outside Cardiff Bay Barrage.

Penarth RNLI's D-class lifeboat, crewed by volunteers, was quickly launched and was able to establish a tow with the 24-foot yacht, which had two people on board.

The lifeboat was able to tow the vessel into the lock, despite the low tide, and the yacht was then moored inside the barrage.

The lifeboat returned to station where it was cleaned and refuelled.

Penarth man charged with attempted murder

POLICE officers investigating an allegation of serious assault in Glanmor Crescent, Barry, at about 9.15pm on Thursday, August 4, have charged 63-year-old Raymond O'Connell, from Penarth, with attempted murder.

He appeared before Cardiff Magistrates Court on August 6, and was remanded into custody to reappear at Cardiff Crown Court on September 2.

A 54-year-old woman remains in hospital in a critical condition.

Anybody who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in the street from around 9pm onwards is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference 295318 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Aldi sets sights on Ty Verlon

Aldi supermarket chain wants to establish a new store in Barry.

It has forwarded a planning application to the Vale Council to locate a store at unit 6 on the Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry.

It would involve knocking down existing premises and building the store from scratch.

The Ty Verlon estate is accessed from Cardiff Road in the town.

Mayor's coffee

THE Mayor of Barry, Coun Charlotte Williams, will host a coffee morning on Monday, August 15 in the council chamber at Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry 10am to 12pm.

This is in aid of her charities, Breast Cancer Now, Life After Stroke Cardiff and Vale, and The Down's Syndrome Association Wales.

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'Penarth student sent drugs money to family members ' – court is told

by AJ SICLUNA

A STUDENT ran a drug supply operation from his home in Penarth partly to help his family, who were facing financial difficulties, Cardiff Crown Court was told.

Hong Kong-born Marco Sun, 20, even used part of his bursary to buy cannabis before selling it on at a profit, said prosecutor John Warren.

Sun, of Cae Gwyn, Penarth, who had no previous convictions, admitted possessing the drug with intent to supply.

Recorder Catherine Brown told him: "You pleaded guilty to a serious offence. Cannabis is a class B drug and causes harm.

"In many respects, you are hard working and well regarded. You involved yourself in a criminal trade for three to four months."

He was sentenced to a community order of one year involving 150 hours unpaid work.

He was also ordered to pay a court surcharge of £85 and £215 found on his property was confiscated.

Said the Recorder: "If you had not pleaded guilty, I would have sentenced you to eight months' custody. I hope you take advantage of the order and address the way you behave."

Mr Warren said that on May 5, police searched Sun's home. In a jar in a bedroom, they found a quantity of cannabis worth £220 and in his BMW car, drugs were found in a spare tyre worth £20.

Sun had on him £215 in cash and on his mobile phone, police found incriminating messages involving drug dealing.

Mr Warren said Sun was completely frank and admitted what he had been doing.

He pointed out that Sun had used some of his student bursary money to buy the drugs.

His solicitor, Andrew Shanahan, said: "This is a very sad case. He wanted money to fund his own habit and also to assist his family.

"His father had a serious illness and could not earn money. There was great financial pressure on the family.

"His sister is a lawyer. Being involved in this case has put everything in jeopardy and unfortunately, he will have to live with this conviction."

'Modfest' gears up for 'Teenage Cancer Trust'

A special Modfest event is being held at Tramshed in Cardiff on Saturday, September 10, for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Before Modfest starts there will be a scooter ride and Teenage Cancer Trust collection round Cardiff city centre starting at 12.30pm. Here are the organisers and their supporters – Simon Baston is on the gold coloured scooter, his son Alex is on the black and white scooter, Steve Fettah is shown centre, and Karl Webb is next to Alex in the red jacket.

One of the organisers, Karl Webb from Barry, explained: "Steve Fettah, who is from Rhoose, and I are helping to organise the Ska and Mod Teenage Cancer Trust Charity Event on September 10 at 4pm.

"Steve is a good friend of Simon Baston, who lives in Cardiff and owns Tramshed. Simon's son Alexander is in remission from cancer.

"When he was 16, Simon and Joanna, his parents, discovered a lump in Alex's left thigh. They took him to the doctors who did a biopsy and the result was that he was diagnosed with sarcoma, a cancer tumour.

"They were not sure if he would lose his leg. He had to have 16 months of intense chemotherapy at the Teenage Cancer Trust hospital at the University Hospital of Wales.

"They managed to save his leg and he has since made a full recovery. He became an ambassodor for Teenage Cancer Trust and is now 21.

"Simon is getting the bands together for Modfest – we all wanted to do something to thank the people who put in so much care and dedication on behalf of young cancer patients.

"We've got lots of top ska and mod bands, including Special Kinda Madness, The Riff, The Navarones and Too Toned. We've also got three northern soul DJs."

Before the event starts at 4pm, there will be a scooter ride round Cardiff city centre doing a collection for the trust. It starts at Tramshed at 12.30pm

Tickets are £20 and available at: tramshedcardiff.com/listings/. Tramshed is located at Clare Road, Cardiff (CF11 6QP).

READER'S QUESTIONS FOR MEMORIAL HALL, WHICH EXPLAINS FUTURE PLANS

What on earth is happening to our Memorial Hall? Last Friday, we went to see Billboard's *Legally Blonde* – which was an extremely exhilarating, energetic and entertaining show.

It was an absolute joy to see a local amateur company performing with so much talent and expertise. Sadly, they are the last remaining local theatre company left able to perform in the Memorial Hall due to exorbitant fees imposed by the management. So many people remember the Memorial Hall buzzing with local theatre groups and dance companies, but, unfortunately, this is no longer the case.

Another disappointment was that the management close the bar after the interval so the audience feel they have to leave at the end of the show and are unable to stay, congratulate and chat to the cast when they come off stage – especially when the cast are local.

This is the only theatre in south Wales to close the bar which prohibits a social atmosphere and pleasant end to the evening.

Since the audience now have to enter the Memorial Hall at the rear of the building, people do not walk through the Hall of Remembrance and many do not know it even exists.

Also, they are unaware that there are toilets in the front of the building with the disabled toilet, so there was an extremely long queue in the interval for the three toilets at the rear entrance, with no sign telling customers of the others.

I was told that on the Saturday night of *Legally Blonde*, a wedding party with a disco was taking place in the Glamorgan Suite, so the audience – especially those in the Circle – could not hear the show because of the noise from the disco. This is by no means the fault of the wedding party,, but because of the management booking a show and disco at the same time.

However, huge congratulations to Billboard for a great evening, despite the problems. Hopefully, very soon our Memorial Hall will return to how it once was for our local community.

GEM reader Deryn Grigg, of Barry

A spokesman for the Memorial Hall responded:

The Memo is delighted that Legally Blonde was such a fantastic success. Billboard goes from strength-to-strength in delivering such fine productions, giving opportunities for young local people to develop their artistic experience and talents on our main stage at the Memo Arts Centre.

The Memo is especially pleased that sales through our box-office, which was responsible for selling Billboard's tickets, exceeded those of their 2015 summer production.

The Memo has also recently enjoyed similar success with diverse events such as Bruce Foxton's Jam, The Beatles, and the sell-out Welsh National Opera.

We share Mrs Grigg's enthusiasm for our fine building and its rich heritage, which everyone in Barry should rightly be proud of.

In 2015, the Memo was awarded grants totalling over £250,000 to support the installation of a new digital cinema, to replace its damaged roof and to renovate our Bedwas Hall and reception areas.

In 2016-17, we aim to apply for further grants to continue the restoration and development of the Memo for all to benefit.

The Memo is an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation that is not owned or operated by any local authority, as it was in the past.

The Memo is pleased to have secured its financial position, despite arts funding and other services in general being severely cut throughout the country.

Working with our funding partners, we have embarked on an exciting programme of major refurbishment of the fabric of the building, which we are sure will be welcomed by everyone once completed.

We will be launching our 'Friends of the Memo' scheme in the autumn, which will give opportunities for everyone to assist the charity and to share in our passion to make the building even better for future generations.

Our aim continues to be the development of the Memo as the venue for arts, entertainment and creativity in the Vale.

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FRIENDS ARE THERE FOR ROMANA'S FUNDRAISING

FRIENDS of a Penarth mother are helping her to organise a fundraising family fun day.

Angela Thomas intends that proceeds from the event will go to finance her autistic daughter's care.

Recently, The GEM carried the story of Angela's campaign to get her teenage daughter Romana to attend the National Autistic Society's Ty Ty Fory centre in Cardiff.

The council says that Romana's care in Cardiff cannot be funded, as she does not meet the criteria, and that she should go to a residential college in Carmarthenshire.

Angela has launched a fundraising drive because she believes Romana needs one to one care. Fighting her case in terms of testing and advocacy could cost £5,000.

Angela's friends, Shelliann Kingman and Shelley Edwards, are helping to organise the fun day on Saturday, August 20, between 2pm and 7pm at Old Penarthians RFC.

It will feature pony rides, a bouncy castle, a fire engine, face painting, games and refreshments.

Angela Thomas, Shelliann Kingman and Shelley Edwards have organised a Penarth fun day.

Angela said: "I want to thank the many local businesses who have already donate raffle prizes.

"We have been very busy and I've been humbled by the amount of support.

"I have never organised anything like this in my life."

A 'go fund me' page has been set up to raise money for Romana at www.gofundme.com/7ypu28s4

FUN AT VALE SHOW

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There will be more to follow about this in next week's edition of The GEM, but opinion was mixed, reflecting the voting pattern across south Wales. Distilled, the message was that we had to learn that we "would be in Europe, but not the EU".

Trade stand holders reported good interest and brisk business with some suggesting the show should be held over two days and not just one.

Livestock were of the highest order, and emphasised the value of NFU Cymru's *#BackWelshFarming* campaign.

Wales is blessed to produce the best lamb, beef and milk in Europe, and the contribution that the game sector makes is dismissed unwisely.

If you didn't go the the Vale Show, then you missed a great day out. Set a date in your diary for 2017!

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Confusion at 'Brewers Fayre' as people fall foul of the new car parking arrangement

SOME of the diners visiting Brewers Fayre in Barry last week were shocked to be handed parking fines.

New parking conditions require customers to log in their vehicle registration at the reception desk inside Brewers Fayre, but some people weren't aware of the new arrangement and fell foul of the new system.

The parking fines issued by ParkingEye were £100, but a swift payment means a reduction to £60.

Jane Bissett said: "On Thursday, August 4, at the Brewers Fayre, it was like a revolving door, with people complaining about getting tickets in the car park."

Staff told her it wasn't their "legal responsibility" to ask customers to log in their registration number, although extra notices have now been put up in the entrance lobby warning people of the new arrangement.

Mrs Yvonne Burke said that when she arrived at Brewers Fayre last Thursday, August 4, to complain about a ticket, people were arriving "in droves" to voice their anger too.

Another Barry resident said when her mother had gone there on Thursday, August 4, she had received a ticket. It had been raining and she said she hadn't seen the notices because she was anxious to get in the restaurant.

Later, she – and others – were told fines would be cancelled because a list containing the car registration numbers of customers who had eaten there was being sent off to ParkingEye.

The GEM understands Brewers Fayre is concerned about the use of its car park by non-patrons.

***A spokeswoman for Brewers Fayre** told The GEM: "This was designed to make sure there is plenty of space to park for our customers. Parking is still free for our customers, you just need to register your number plate upon arrival. We will review our signage, but there are currently 16 signs in the car park, as well as many signs throughout the restaurant.*

"All our staff have been fully briefed to remind customers that they need to register their number plate upon arrival at the restaurant. We pride ourselves on delivering professional customer service."

PROGRAMME SHORTLISTED FOR NATIONAL AWARD

THE Greenway project, which helps people in the Vale gain confidence, skills and employment, has been shortlisted for a national award.

Nominated for 'Best Training Scheme' at the 24 Housing Awards, Newydd Housing Association introduced the project to support Barry residents in 2014.

A four-week course was devised to help Newydd tenants and the wider community to improve interviewing skills, learn how to budget and maximise income, gain accredited qualifications, reduce anxiety and write CV's and job applications.

Of the 71 people who took part in the course, nine secured employment, 16 volunteering, seven had work placements and 19 went on to further education.

The Greenway project has since expanded across the Vale and works in partnership with Barry Communities First and Job Centre Plus.

Paul Roberts, chief executive of Newydd, said: "The successful outcomes we have achieved from this project mean a lot to us. Supporting local people to get back into work is vital, not only to help individuals and their families to gain a better income, but to improve quality of life, increase confidence and secure a better future.

"We are delighted that the Greenway Project has been shortlisted for the 24 Housing Award."

Newydd has been shortlisted for another three 24 Housing Awards, including Communication Team of the Year, 'Affordable Housing Scheme of the Year' for The Old Station, St Athan, and Cath Kinson, a Newydd tenant in Barry, has been nominated for Tenant Champion. Award winners will be announced on October 6 at the 24 Housing awards ceremony in Coventry.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Greenway Project, should contact Jackie.holly@newydd.co.uk or call Jackie on 02920 005476.

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Barry residents send Vale youth forum packing!

THE Vale 'youth mayor', Daniel Marshall, helped raise money for the Vale Youth Forum (VYF) by holding a bag-pack at Asda, Barry.

The VYF is a registered charity that helps young people voice their concerns on issues that affect them and their local community.

Members of the Vale youth cabinet and VYF attended and supported the fundraiser, getting into the community spirit and packing residents' shopping.

The day proved to be a great success, with more than £300 being raised for the VYF. The youth mayor presented the money raised to the chair of the VYF, Erin Jennings.

Leader of the council, Coun Neil Moore, said of the youth cabinet and forum: "It is great to see so many young members of our county engaging with our communities, and voicing their opinions on matters that affect them and the people they represent.

"I am a huge believer in our youth cabinet and this fundraiser yet again highlights this commitment to bringing about positive change for the younger residents in our county."

The money will go towards helping with advertisement and promotion in the local community, which will encourage more young people to join the forum and represent young people in their local communities.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved email: valeyouthforum@hotmail.co.uk.

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Archiving work of Welsh National Opera

ON August 2, John Richardson spoke to the members of Dinas Powys Probus Club about his work as the volunteer archivist at the Wales Millennium Centre, with particular reference to his work regarding the Welsh National Opera.

The first attempt to form an operatic/orchestral group appears to have been in 1891, but this did not thrive. One of their productions, however, was of the opera *Arianwen*, but John cannot find any actual records of this performance nor any surviving score; can anyone help?

In 1941 Victor Fleming, conductor of the Birmingham Opera, was sent to work in a factory in Treforest and there he met Idloes Owen, a well known Cardiff singer and John Morgan, a singer with the Carla Rosa Opera.

With others, they were determined to form an operatic group and in 1943 a meeting was held in a chapel in Crwys Road.

The first performance was in 1944, purely a musical evening at the Empire Theatre in Cardiff.

The first true operatic event was a performance of *Cavalleria Rusticana* at the Prince of Wales theatre, a first half of opera, the second half comprising individual solos. The Western Mail complimented the company on its efforts but suggested that more rehearsals were needed.

In 1946 WH 'Bill' Smith, a local car dealer and opera buff was appointed as business manager, supported by his secretary Mrs Margaret Moreland.

They formed a formidable pair, renowned for their autocratic attitude to the performers, but they did build a strong company. A room in the centre is named after Margaret Moreland .

The chorus of the WNO has become world famous and is the largest touring musical group in the world.

It is composed of 40 professionals, supported by 40 volunteers, brought in when a large chorus is needed.

It came to prominence in1952 when Sadlers Wells asked it to take over a performance of Verdi's *Nabucco* as they did not have sufficient numbers.

Demand for a place is very competitive, recently 300 applicants tried for one vacancy.

John found 16 drawers of papers needed sorting and filing and recounted some of the judging panel's comments on auditions.

"A very fruity lady who would be good in fruity parts."

"She was very good acting as a drunk and could cross her eyes at a moment's notice."

"He was so bad he almost made xxxxx xxxx sound classy."

The orchestra has 55 musicians and they were the first to be paid a regular salary.

Only 15 per cent of the needed income comes from ticket sales, the remainder from donations by supporters and commercial sponsors.

The Getty Foundation recently donated two million dollars to support a performance of an opera written by a Getty family member.

Sixty per cent of funding comes from the Arts Council of England, which in return requires the WNO to spend 60 per cent of their tour schedule in England.

The vote of thanks was given by Peter Massocchi, who was himself a member of the chorus for many years.

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Police appeal over theft of speakers

POLICE are appealing for information after speakers were stolen from the front seat of a van parked on Court Road in Barry in July.

The Wharfdale Titan 12 speakers are worth hundreds of pounds and officers believe attempts will be made to sell them on.

Anybody who is offered them is urged to contact South Wales Police via 101 quoting reference *268120 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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LITTER CHAMPIONS PICK UP PRAISE

Coun Gwyn John (second from left, front row) with the Litter Champions.

THE Vale Council's 'Visible Services Task Group' (VSTG), in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, recently hosted a presentation morning for Litter Champions throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.

'Litter Champions' are a group of enthusiastic Keep Wales Tidy volunteers, who dedicate their time to keeping the local area clean by picking up litter.

Among those receiving awards were litter-picking groups from Cowbridge, Cwm Talwg Woods, St Athan, Barry, Penarth Marina and SCOPE Litter Group.

Congratulating them for their volunteer work, chairman of the VSTG Coun Gwyn John said: "I'm proud to present the certificates recognising the ongoing hard work, dedication and true community spirit of the Litter Champions."

If you would like to do your bit for the environment, then why not become a Keep Wales Tidy 'Litter Champion'?

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Local politicians pay tributes to Vale officer who had 'commitment to young people'

PEOPLE in the Vale were shocked last week to hear news of the death of Jennifer Hill, the director of learning and skills, who died in a cycling accident in France.

Elected members on the Vale of Glamorgan Council were keen to pay tribute to her.

Coun Lis Burnett, deputy leader and cabinet member, said: "From our first meeting in 2012, it was clear that Jennifer's commitment to children, young people and learners across the Vale was absolute.

"Having recently had the opportunity to work more closely together, her deeply-held belief in equality was evident.

"Jennifer was a role model for so many, myself included, and her passing will leave an unfillable void in so many lives. My thoughts are with her family at this dreadfully sad time."

Coun Chris Franks, leader of the Plaid Cymru group, said it was devastating news: "Our condolences go to Jennifer's family. She was a first class officer who worked hard to improve standards in our schools. My colleagues and I are desperately sad about this tragedy."

Coun Nic Hodges, chair of the learning and culture scrutiny committee, said: "We are all saddened to hear of this tragic accident. I appreciated working with Jennifer and enjoyed her dry sense of humour. Jennifer was determined to turn around schools in the Vale of Glamorgan that had lost their way. She will be a great loss to the county and will be hard to replace."

Coun Kate Edmonds also described it as "devastating news".

"Jennifer was an expert in her field and her drive to improve the education, attainment and wellbeing of pupils across the Vale has made an immeasurable difference. She was a great support to me as a membcr of the learning and culture committee and will be sorely missed by everyone."

Coun Chris Williams added: "This is dreadful news about a hard-working, key officer who will be greatly missed. She was always easy to speak to and most helpful to me whenever I spoke to her. I wish condolences to her family."

Jane Hutt AM also paid tribute to Mrs Hill, saying: "My deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences to the family, friends, colleagues and Vale schools who worked with Jennifer Hill. She was greatly admired and respected."

LLANTWIT MAYOR'S COFFEE

ON Saturday, August 13 from 10am – 12.30pm, the Mayor of Llantwit Major will host a coffee morning in Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major to help raise funds for Ed Evans Foundation (brain tumours) and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

There will also be a cake sale and raffle. Entry £3, tickets from Llantwit Major Town Hall or at the door on the day.

Leadership challenge in a post-Brexit summer of uncertainty

THERE have been many uncertainties in the climate this summer, not only weather-wise, but also politically and 'Wales after Brexit' is often an opening topic of conversation when I meet people out and about in the Vale.

In my message to people at the Vale Agricultural Show yesterday, I gave my assurance of my commitment (and that of the Welsh Government) to safeguard our rural and environmental interests in the light of the June 23 Referendum result. Safeguarding the multi-million pound rural development programme, which has benefited so many rural businesses and communities over the past decade, with important bids going forward for the next round, forms part of that commitment.

Celebrating the achievements of young people attending the pioneering Amelia Trust Farm gave me the chance to congratulate this pioneering Rural Development Project and to thank the volunteers for their pioneering work as they imaginatively plan for future funding support.

I also enjoyed meeting up with Valeways volunteers at their 20th anniversary July event with new honorary president, Derek Brock-way, congratulating this unique Vale not-for-profit organisation for its work in leading walks, organising the annual Walking Festival and helping to clear our public footpaths across the Vale.

There are many events and activities that help us focus on the day-to-day lives and experiences of people, communities and businesses in the Vale and it is important to record them and applaud them. I also learn from the people who give their time and commitment through uncertain times made more precarious as a result of austerity, but always finding new ways to move forward and sustain their vital services.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT (Leader of the House)

Over the past few weeks, I have enjoyed meeting up with the Gibbonsdown Residents' Board at their 30th anniversary celebration at the Aberaeron Close Centre, thanking Molly Conway and her team for their hard work over the years – looking over to the popular Splash Pool in Pencoedtre Park backed by the Residents Board recognising their support for Gibbonsdown Children's Centre, the street lighting, Iolo Play Park and Oakfield School – securing Welsh Government and Vale Council funding.

'Putting communities first' is what we must do and listening to the people who live in communities is the message for today.

I am delighted to see the work commence on Barry Island Community Centre as a result of Barry Island residents working together with the Vale Council to uplift this thriving centre for local people, as the visitors enjoy the beach and popular activities on the Island.

As well as community and rural activities we have had the delight of many festivals including the Vale of Glamorgan and Dinas Powys music festivals, the Vale Jazz weekend in May, the Beyond the Border storytelling festival, Barry Arts, Cadstock and Glastonbarry in July – which all require a tremendous amount of voluntary commitment and support.

Throughout the summer activities, for children and young people have been held in schools and communities, including the 'Fun and Food' schemes I visited at Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren schools. Also, voluntary activities run by Castleland Community Centre and voluntary groups and clubs across the Vale.

There is no question that people are getting on with their lives, activities and commitments – sometimes against all the odds with financial and social needs and uncertainties – which I seek to address as an Assembly Member and Welsh Government Minister, but we must listen and learn from people and communities at the sharp end and work together to make the changes people call for and need.

The Bevan Foundation published a report earlier this month called *Wales after Brexit: An Agenda for a Fair, Prosperous and Sustainable Country*.

I was particularly struck by its opening message, which is very relevant to our discussions, but must be translated into positive action:

'Nobody knows what the future holds – the optimistic and pessimistic forecasts are all based on assumptions that may or may not be realised... How our leaders respond in these extraordinary times will be critical.'

'We need more tourism signs' – SAYS TORY LEADER

ISSUES relating to the availability of brown tourist signs in the Vale have still not been resolved, according to Welsh Conservative Leader Andrew RT Davies.

The South Wales Central regional AM discussed the benefits more signs would bring with Chris Williams from Nash Point lighthouse in Marcross on a visit early last week, where he had a tour – as well as a sounding of the historic fog signal.

Mr Davies said: "There are many unique attractions like Nash Point in the Vale – with almost 200 years of history behind it. It is one of only two lighthouses open to the public in Wales and has huge educational value.

"It therefore seems a shame that it is so difficult to get the attraction properly signposted and advertised, since it would without doubt attract a lot of people into the area.

"The Vale Council needs to do more to make brown tourism signs available to attractions across the Vale, to encourage the many potential visitors passing through to stop and pop in."

DNA catches burglar

A burglar from Barry who was arrested after he left his blood at the scene of his crime has been sent to prison for two years.

Ross Mccaddon, 25, from Ravenshoe Road in Barry was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court on Monday, August 1, after pleading not guilty.

Police were called after a builder who was working on a house in Llantwit Major turned up to the site on the morning of June 26, to find that the temporary door to the building had been smashed open.

A spokesman for South Wales Police said: "Cables and power tools worth nearly £10,000 had been taken, but an area of disturbed grass led the builder to some undergrowth which revealed some of the items.

"Hanging from a nearby tree, was a blood-stained bandage."

The bandage was sent away for DNA analysis and the blood came back as a full profile match for Mccaddon.

Mccaddon pleaded not guilty, but could not explain how his blood came to be at the crime scene.

DI Michelle Conquer, said: "Mccaddon's DNA was found on a bandage which he had stolen from a first aid box found at the scene. It led us straight to him as he was on the national database."

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Wenvoe village harvests three Green Flag Awards

Left to right: Chris Ryder (Mayor of Cheltenham); Bruce McDonald (Wenvoe Wildlife Group); Lesley Jones (Keep Wales Tidy) and a representative of the sponsors, DS Smith.

CELEBRATING success in the recent Green Flag Community Awards – given by Keep Wales Tidy – Wenvoe is the only village in Wales to have achieved awards for three different sites.

The Upper Orchid Field has received awards for the last seven years, the community orchard is into its second year of harvesting awards, but new for this year is the Elizabethan orchard at Burdons Hill, which is also the only award in Wales for a site on a working farm.

Green Flag awards recognise the best parks and green spaces in the country and confirm that a site has met the required standards for access, cleanliness, biodiversity and many other measures.

All the sites are managed by the Wenvoe Wildlife Group, which is now planning to enter four sites for next year.

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The Secret Garden of Beauty is one of four salons in the whole of Wales, as well as Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud, to be awarded the prestigious title of 'Dermalogica Circle Member' (Dermalogica is often considered the No1 professional skincare brand in the world) for the third year running.

The attractive salon is unique with its 'Secret Garden' theme – with flowers, butterflies and original paintings by Helen Lush.

"Many of the clients call it 'their second home'!" said Aldene. "We feel as passionate about the salon as we did the first day of opening. We have a wonderful team of highly trained therapists with a wealth of experience from all over the world; they take great pride in their treatments and cherish the relationships they have with our clients.

"Our prices are extremely competitive, as we like to see our clients regularly, rather than just for a 'treat'. We have many exclusive signature treatments that we have created as a team with input from our clients.

"Our clients have played a massive part in how our salon has grown and flourished. It's been a fabulous 10 years and the team would like to say a massive 'thank you' to our clients for their support, encouragement, loyalty and friendship. They brighten our days!"

In the current economic climate, it is heartening to see an independent business in the Vale doing so well – here's to the next 10 years!

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Sand movements at Whitmore Bay?

Photographer Andy Wicks took this image of Whitmore Bay at low tide – does it indicate that sand has been swept off the beach? Is it an unusual site? Send your views to: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

Sam to star for Tenovus!

TENOVUS Cancer Care has announced the appointment of Wales' rugby captain, Sam Warburton as its new patron.

A long-term supporter of the Welsh cancer charity, he has, in particular, supported his local Tenovus Cancer Care shop in Rhiwbina by donating thousands of pounds worth of items.

A recent donation of rugby kit raised nearly £2,000 for the charity.

The Welsh Wales and British Lions' star said: "I'm really happy to be able to support such an important cause.

"I know Tenovus Cancer Care not only do a lot of work in the community supporting cancer patients and their loved ones, but also fund really important research.

"I can't wait to get involved with the charity, and I encourage everyone else to do the same!"

Clare Gallie, director of income generation, said they were thrilled to have Sam on board: "We couldn't be happier that Sam has agreed to become a patron for us.

"Having the support of someone so talented but also has helped us to raise thousands of pounds through clothes donations, is fantastic.

"We've got plenty of exciting things coming up in the future and hope he will have fun getting involved. !"

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, Tenovus Cancer Care can offer help and support.

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Bronte, Bracken and Lexie lead a saunter around Sully village

AS skies brightened a group of 16 walkers from Penarth and District Ramblers gathered outside St John the Baptist Church in South Road, Sully for an evening ramble with a difference – as young Jack Russell Biddy was making her debut as a walk leader, with pals Bronte, Bracken and Lexie the spaniel, coming along for company.

Making their way to Hayes Road, before deviating along the lane past the travellers' site to the public slipway at Sully beach, they were greeted with lovely sunny views across Sully village, Sully Island, Flat and Steep Holm and Bream Down jutting out into the sea on the Somerset coastline.

With the tide coming in fairly rapidly, they set off westwards on a scramble across the rocky beach, passing salty pools, shells and seaweed and with the dogs excitedly running on ahead, before joining the coastal footpath near the old Sully hospital. Set in delightful grounds and built between 1931 and 1938 as a TB hospital, with every ward having a sea view, the old hospital has been upgraded and is now Hayes Point luxury apartments with the status of being a Grade II listed building.

The southernmost tip of Nells Point on Barry Island and the National Coastwatch Station was just visible as the group headed into and circumnavigated paths in Hayes Wood, much of which was cut down when Sully hospital and Ty Hafan hospice were built.

Returning eastwards along the rough coast path before joining part of the Wales Coast Path on a man-made track, they headed back inland exiting beside the delightful red-stone Dunster Cottage – and paused for a chat to the owner who has carried out a great deal of outside improvement to the large garden of the property which first appeared on the census in 1841 – before re-crossing the road back to the church.

On August 11, meet at 7pm at Rhoose railway station car park for the last of the summer evening walks, a 3.5-mile easy tramp taking in Rhoose Point; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On August 13, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a nine-mile moderate walk at Merthyr Mawr; contact Val Won 01446 734925.

Contact the walk leader for advice. To follow the group log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

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'Mr Sleek' who lost 10 stone aims to make a difference

A Vale dad who won a national award after he shed a remarkable 10 stone in weight, now wants to "make a difference to others".

Super slimmer Martin Woodsford, holder of UK and Ireland Slimming World's 'Mr Sleek UK' title, has opened a new branch of the group in Barry.

The opening was performed by Mayor of the Vale, Coun Stuart Egan, who congratulated the father of four (three of his childre are eight-year-old triplets, and two have additional needs).

Martin's regular job is as a day service officer for the Vale Council, where since 2004 he has worked with vulnerable adults who have varying forms of learning disabilities.

The Mayor said: "I know Martin is quite nervous about starting his own Slimming World group, but he really doesn't need to be.

"Martin wants to make a difference – and I believe that when this decision comes from the heart – then you can't fail."

ABOVE Martin Woodsford, who has now opened a slimming group in Barry.

Martin said: "My warmest thanks and gratitude to the Mayor for his time on Saturday. I cannot begin to tell you how much it meant to me personally,"

The Mayor wished Martin, and all his new members, every success.

The Buttrills Community Centre Slimming World group is open every Saturday, from 8am and 10am.

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Mayor tells of hospital Orchard plan

Coun Egan presents Welsh cakes to the art, craft and leisure 50+ Forum group.

FIFTEEN members of the 50+ Forum from the art, craft and leisure group met recently with the Vale Mayor Coun Stuart Egan and his consort, Nigel Gibbs, to hear about one of the mayoral charities, the Llandough Hospital Orchard Project.

The project, in conjunction with Llandough NUS Charitable Trust, is to convert 17 acres of land at the rear of the hospital into a 'community' orchard and garden for the benefit of staff and patients.

Plans include growing fruit and vegetables to sell, and providing a sensory area for relaxation.

Ground work is expected to start in September.

After the presentation, chairman Gilly Davies thanked Coun Egan on behalf of members of the group, and also for his gift of Welsh cakes!

Civic Trust Cymru briefs new spokesman

DAVID Melding AM, the recently-appointed Conservative spokesman for environment, housing and planning, has met Civic Trust Cymru (CTC) to find out more about their work.

Mr Melding said: "I was very pleased to learn about the work of the CTC and how it promotes civic pride across Wales.

"The charity's work focuses on recognition, protection and enhancement of a place's character, so that the link with social identity and sense of place is maintained.

"I was particularly impressed with the work which has gone into the 'area characterisation reports' that capture the character of an area based on the style and type of local buildings, and the open spaces and wider landscape surrounding each area.

"I look forward to welcoming the CTC back to the Assembly, so that more AMs can discover its work."

VALE COUNCIL RESPONDS TO PLAID'S ATTACK ON EDUCATION BUDGET CUTS

PLAID CYMRU councillors believe they have uncovered evidence that cuts in education budgets are forcing some schools to leave vacant teaching posts unfilled.

Coun Chris Franks, leader of the Plaid Cymru group on the Vale Council, said: "Plaid forced the Vale to disclose schools were not fully funded to cover school budgets.

"Governors have, therefore, been placed in the very difficult position of making staff cuts and redundancies.

"In addition, the Welsh Government has cut support for schools centrally. They slashed the Education Improvement Grant to the Vale by £224,000 and a further £181,000 has been lost, due to reductions in the grant for sixth forms."

He went on to claim: "I also know that staff who have left for other schools have not been replaced, so the number might be even greater.

"If this is not bad enough, the cabinet member, Coun Lis Burnett, could not give any assurances about the situation over the next 12 months.

"Although Labour, both in the Vale and in Welsh Government talk about their commitment to education, the reality is very different in our schools.

"Plaid Cymru fully supports a proper level of investment in the education of our children. In fact, the Vale holds reserves of over £30 million. We don't think these cuts were needed."

Coun Lis Burnett, cabinet member for Regeneration and Education, responded: *"The council faces a difficult challenge every year to balance the books, due to austerity cuts to public services handed down from the UK Government.*

"That being said, our commitment to delivering education remains a priority. For example, in this year's budget, the council again met Welsh Government's minimum funding commitment for schools and funded education above Welsh Government's Indicator Based Assessment in every year of the current administration.

"In this year, the budget for schools was increased by £1.65m "

"Our headteachers and governing bodies manage their own budgets and school-based resources. This empowers them to make decisions independently for their schools, taking into consideration individual circumstances and learning needs.

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Lifeboats to the rescue at Llantwit

PORTHCAWL and Barry Dock RNLI lifeboats launched into gale force winds and high waves last week after reports of people in the water in trouble at Llantwit Major.

Porthcawl RNLI volunteers launched the station's Atlantic 85 class lifeboat *Rose Of The Shires* on service after reports of people having been swept into the heavy seas from Llantwit Major beach.

HM Coastguard had received multiple 999 calls from people who saw the situation unfold.

Conditions were rough, with 2m swells and winds of force 8 gusting to force 9. The Atlantic 85 lifeboat made best speed in the conditions, arriving on scene within 20 minutes.

While en route reports suggested one person had made it ashore. The Coastguard Search and Rescue helicopter Rescue 187 arrived on scene shortly before Porthcawl RNLI's lifeboat and, having located and winched one person from the water, was winching a second as the volunteer crew arrived at Llantwit Major beach.

Both casualties were transferred to hospital by the helicopter.

In the meantime, Barry Dock RNLI's all-weather lifeboat was also tasked to the scene and made best speed to the incident despite the difficult conditions.

Porthcawl RNLI crew began a search for further casualties but after a search of approximately 10 minutes it was established from one of those rescued that all persons had been accounted for.

Porthcawl volunteers also launched the smaller D-class inshore lifeboat on service, but it was stood down as it reached Southerndown due to the poor conditions.

Due to the adverse conditions, Barry Dock RNLI's all-weather lifeboat accompanied Porthcawl's inshore Atlantic 85 class lifeboat back to station, where both boats were made ready for their next service.

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A sunny day for the ValePlus duck race!

THE 15th annual ValePlus duck race was recently held on the Cadoxton River in Dinas Powys.

Some 400 ducks were released in the race, run over a short course due to the low water levels. At the end of the race, the first prize of £50 was won by Laura Donnelly of Penarth.

The Duck Race is a series of fundraising events currently being undertaken by the charity in aid of its minibus appeal.

ValePlus provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability and has been running successful day service provision in the Vale since 2001.

Further details can be found on the website www.valeplus.org.uk

Seafarers *past and present* to be commemorated on Merchant Navy Day

LOCAL councils throughout the UK have been invited to support a campaign to raise awareness of Britain's dependence on Merchant Navy seafarers.

The charity Seafarers UK has called on councils to fly the Red Ensign – the British Merchant Navy's flag – on September 3. Suggested venues include flagpoles in public places, on civic buildings, museums, libraries, sports centres and churches.

All participating councils are listed on a 'Roll of Honour' at *www.merchantnavyday.uk*.

Merchant Navy Day has been observed in the UK since 2000. The campaign to 'Fly the Red Ensign' was started last year to remind UK citizens – none of whom lives more than 70 miles from the sea – that they depend on Merchant Navy seafarers for 95 per cent of imports.

Seafarers UK's president HRH The Earl of Wessex, said: "I very much hope you will support this campaign to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy."

For further information about the 'Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day' campaign visit www.merchantnavyday.uk.

BARRY ISLAND STATION CRAFT FAIR

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THESE BAD GUYS ARE VERY GOOD – BUT NOT THEY'RE NOT GREAT!

IT'S often said that bad guys have more fun, and cinema's love of an anti-hero is testament to that.

Comic book movies certainly have more than their fair share of villains, and the DC universe in particular has a wonderful selection, which makes *Suicide Squad* something of a no-brainer.

Set in the aftermath of the *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* world, Amanda Waller (Viola Davis) sets up a team called Task Force X; led by Rick Flag (Joel Kinnaman), this 'suicide squad' are given the job of dealing with situations that have a very high risk.

Enrolling (unwillingly) the likes of Deadshot (Will Smith), Harley Quinn (Margot Robbie), Captain Boomerang (Jai Courtney), Killer Croc (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) among others, the group have to tackle a mystery adversary; but Quinn's boyfriend, the Joker (Jared Leto) has his own plans to rescue the love of his life which could complicate the group's task...

The poor reaction to *Batman v Superman*, the film which was designed to set up the larger DC universe, puts somewhat of an added pressure onto *Suicide Squad,* going from a blockbuster that was designed to add shade to this newly-established world to a film that could make or break the ambitions of matching Marvel's success.

What it ends up being is a perfectly serviceable, enjoyable film that, a few missteps and plot holes aside, makes for an entertaining watch. It's not going deliver the rocket-charged boost that the fledgling DC universe needs, but neither is it going to burn it down either.

It's a film of two halves in essence – the opening half introduces us to these villains and why they are being held in Belle Reve prison, a snappy and witty opening salvo that establishes who these characters are and what they are capable of.

The second half then becomes a men (and women) on a mission movie as the group of lethal, disparate individuals recognise the need to work as a team and do the right thing – no matter how against the grain it is.

What complicates matters, in a storytelling sense, is that while spending time with the squad is great, their mission feels overly vague and lacking in any real definition. The circumstances that lead up to the villain's plot are murkily essayed and the end goals of the villain (there is talk of building a machine of some kind, though what kind of machine and what it does will remain forever a mystery).

Thankfully, the squad themselves are rich enough with character to ease the frustration of this; Will Smith feels more essential here than he has in years as Deadshot, a lethal assassin but one with a sliver of redemption in his soul, while Margot Robbie's deliciously bonkers Harley Quinn may veer between empowered female character and objectified woman, but her performance is superb.

Even the lesser-profile squad members get a chance to shine – Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje's Killer Croc is quietly charismatic, Jay Hernandez's Diablo has a heartbreaking back story, while Jai Courtney (an actor who doesn't float this writer's boat) has never been better as the cantankerous Boomerang.

by GARETH JAMIESON
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Joel Kinnaman's Flag, a good guy amidst a group of villains, is good as the de facto leader of the group, while Viola Davis' Waller is as coldhearted as her comic book counterpart and equally as cunning.

The other performance that will garner the most buzz is Jared Leto's Joker; coming in the slipstream of Heath Ledger's take on the character, and going in a direction not seen on screen before, here the 'clown prince of crime' is more of a gangster with a hair trigger and a dark sadism.

While on the page it's a refreshing take on the iconic character, Leto's performance doesn't really land; we don't see enough of him to really get a solid grip on what he's trying to do and it feels like Leto, for all the moments of creepiness, is hamming it up a little too much.

Writer/director David Ayer's previous work means he's more than at home with murky, morally-complex characters, and he's crafted a story that, villainous plot aside, is engaging and satisfying (even if characters are at pains to point out these people are bad guys).

Direction-wise it's impressive, but there are no standout moments; it's more than competently executed but nothing to make the hairs stand on end, while the fate of several characters feels emotionally undercooked, given how much has been invested in them.

That said, *Suicide Squad* is still a hugely watchable film that entertains; it may not offer the highest of highs, but as a counterpoint to the usual superhero fare (and especially the slightly dour *Batman v Superman*) it sees the DC universe take a slightly steadier step in its growth.

VERDICT: These bad guys are very good – but they're not great. *Suicide Squad* is more than enjoyable, and, despite the odd plot hole and misstep, offers up a different sort of comic book movie. Will Smith and Margot Robbie are standout turns, and David Ayer shows a steady hand in a film that should steady the DC waters and satisfy fans. *Enjoyable*.

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Hill's autobiography, 'Watching the Wheels' will be published in early September, 20 years since he followed in his father Graham's footsteps to win the Formula One World Championship.

Hill will be visiting Penarth to discuss his racing career with BBC Wales motorsport reporter Victoria Turner and sign copies of his book.

The event takes place at the Glamorganshire Golf Club in Lavernock Road, at 12.30pm.

Tickets are now available from Griffin Books at £28 each, including a two-course lunch, tea or coffee and a signed copy of 'Watching the Wheels'.

Call 02920 706455 to reserve a place.

Drop-in event to help residents cut energy costs

VALE residents will be able to get free advice to reduce their energy bills at a drop-in event in Barry.

The Welsh Government 'Warm Homes Nest Scheme' will be at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, on Tuesday, August 23.

The team will be available from 9.30am to 12pm to provide advice on saving energy and help people who are struggling with their energy bills.

People who receive a means tested benefit and live in a home that is hard to heat may also be eligible for free home improvements from the Welsh Government. These may include a replacement boiler, central heating system or insulation.

Lee Parry, Head of Nest, said: "I am delighted the Nest team have been invited to attend the Senior Health Shop once again to speak to the senior members of the community about the benefits of the Nest scheme. Over 23,700 householders across Wales have received free home improvements from Nest over the last five years."

One resident who has benefited from the Nest scheme said: "It makes perfect sense for householders who are on a low income to update or renew from old inefficient boilers and heating to a new central heating system. This saves money."

Nest can be contacted on Freephone 0808 808 2244 or visit www.nestwales.org.uk.

MORRISTON ORPHEUS AT ST DONAT'S

ON Sunday, August 21, the world-renowned Morriston Orpheus Choir will perform at a Marie Curie picnic concert on the lawn of St Donat's Castle.

It will begin at 2.30pm with a glass of Prosecco, while concert-goers set up their own picnic on the lawn and the Caradog *String Quartet will start the entertainment.*

All 70 members of Morriston Orpheus will then perform a programme of selected favourites from their extensive repertoire.

The choir recently sang at the Mametz Wood 100th anniversary commemoration of the Somme battles in the First World War, where their contribution won high praise.

For more information and tickets (£17 (to include a glass of Prosecco), contact St Donat's booking office on 01446 799100, or at ***www.stdonats.com****.*

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Cure for the summertime blues, join the Air Cadets!

On the Sugarloaf.

THE school holidays may be in full flight, but for youngsters at a loose end, now might by the time to consider the Air Cadets.

372 (Barry) Squadron has vacancies for young men and women aged between 12 and 17 years old, who want to join an exciting, challenging and fast moving youth organisation – where there are opportunities to fly, shoot, play sport and undertake adventure training.

Air Cadets have the opportunity to fly in the Grob tutor aircraft, often taking control under pilot supervision and brave cadets can try aerobatics. Better still is that flying and gliding are free. Cadets can also try their hand at abseiling, canoeing, hill walking, camping, navigation, shooting and teambuilding exercises.

The squadron is also actively involved and successful at all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh (DoE) award scheme.

Cadets' general fitness, skills and team working are always encouraged to improve through football, rugby, hockey, netball, athletics, archery and swimming.

Air Cadets also have the opportunity to visit a Royal Air Force (RAF) station for one or two weeks in the UK and overseas; living and breathing the RAF as well as taking part in the annual trip to the battlefields and memorials of World War One in Belgium and France.

Sergeant Tash Gill and James Jelinski are travelling to Germany, Rhys Horton is going to Gibraltar and Cadet James Jelinski is also going to Nijmegen in the Netherlands.

The Cadets are also looking forward to some adventure training in preparation for their DoE expeditions, as well as trips to Duxford and Hendon museums.

While the Cadets enjoy many exciting activities for themselves, they are also encouraged to support their communities by fundraising and providing hands-on assistance to many local organisations, and raising over £7,000 in the last year.

Cadet Oliver Fudge said: "Air Cadets is great fun and we get to do loads of exciting activities all the time; there are so many cool activities to sign up to, while also learning some great skills for life."

The Squadron parades at 5th Barry Scouts on Everard Street, Barry on Monday at 7:30pm – 9:30pm and Wednesday at 7pm – 9.30pm. Visit www.372squadron.org.uk for more information about becoming an Air Cadet.

Students will need a licence for BBC iPlayer

THE start of the academic year will bring many changes for students in south Wales, including, for the first time, the need to buy a TV licence to download or watch BBC on-demand programmes.

A change in the law means as of September 1, 2016 a licence will be needed to download or watch BBC programmes on-demand, including catch-up TV, on BBC iPlayer. A licence costs £145.50.

Research by TV Licensing has indicated that iPlayer is the most popular catch-up platform used by students, ahead of sites such as YouTube and services including Netflix.

The survey suggests that two in three students view catch-up TV, with many watching on-demand programmes. With less than a quarter (22 per cent) of students taking a TV with them to university, online viewing on mobile devices has become by far the favoured way of watching catch-up TV content.

Catherine Griffith-Williams, spokesperson for TV Licensing Wales, said: "Watching catch up TV is really popular among students and we want to make sure students are aware of the change in law.

From September 1, everyone will need to be covered by a TV licence to watch BBC TV programmes on demand – including catch up – on iPlayer.

"Students can check at our dedicated TV licence for students (tvlicensing.co.uk\studentinfo) page whether they are correctly licensed before the big move.

"And, of course, you still need to be covered by a licence for all live viewing and recording, no matter which channel you are watching or what device you are watching on."

Students who already have a licence will be covered automatically. Those who do not will need a licence from September 1 to watch BBC programmes on-demand on BBC iPlayer, including where iPlayer is accessed through another provider such as Sky or Virgin.

A licence will not be needed to watch other on-demand services, such as ITV Player or Netflix. This applies to all devices, including a smart TV, desktop computer or laptop, mobile phone, tablet, digital box or games console.

In limited circumstances, students can be covered by the licence at their parents' address. The device must be powered by its own internal batteries – eg a tablet or mobile phone – and must not be plugged into the mains when receiving television. This use is enabled by the regulations governing TV licensing.

If you are at university, visit our dedicated TV Licence for students (tvlicensing.co.uk\studentinfo) FAQ section, or contact an adviser by phone on 0300 790 6113.

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Sophisticated summer celebrations – and sartorial savoir faire at Fonmon!

John and Ena Davies, Gary and Shirley Morgan, Mike and Sian Pickard, John and Judy David.

Michael MacPhail, Susan Jenkins, Kate MacPhail, Hywel Jones, Anne Jones.

The Euphonium Quartet with Lady Inkin and Derek Morgan.

Anne Morgan, Stephen Page and Marjorie.

Sir Brooke Boothby, Jill Jacobs, Dr Ian Campbell, David Jenkins.

THE sun truly shone on the righteous as members of the South Wales Branch of the English-Speaking Union held their annual summer garden party at Fonmon Castle.

With rain a-plenty before and after the festivities, guests had every reason to bask in the beautiful castle gardens.

They were gently lulled by musical entertainment provided by music graduates from the Welsh Royal College of Music and Drama, known collectively as the EU4IA Euphonium Quartet comprising Jack, Matthew, Sion and Grant. The quartet hit just the right note with a wide repertoire ranging from Joplin through Mancini to Tchaikovsky.

Basil Watkins and Tim Watkins.

A further felicity was the scrumptious sustenance provided by Beppe Villa dispensing the delicacies of his Really Fresh Food Company, as much a feast for the eye as for the palate.

Again this year, the Bridgend Soroptimists filled their Tombola stall with many enticing presents and the raffle – organised by Anne Morgan, offered a generous return in terms of prizes.

The only challenge, and a pleasant one at that, was faced by branch vice-chairman, Lady Inkin, who had to choose the gentleman and lady who best added a sartorial splendour to the evening. The winners, Liz Morgan and John Jones, were a popular choice with John displaying an award-winning lining to his blazer.

At the end of another successful event, members departed in the knowledge that the proceeds from the evening would be committed to the branch's charitable activities, in particular, the promotion of public speaking with local primary and secondary schoolchildren.

The next branch event is the AGM and literary lunch on September 14 at the Cardiff City Stadium with Anne Sebba speaking about her latest book 'Les Parisiennes; How the Women of Paris Lived, Loved and Died in the 1940s'.

Further details from Derek Morgan, branch chairman. Telephone 01656 669129; email esuswb@googlemail.com

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John Jones from Penarth, Liz Morgan from St Fagans, Lady Inkin, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards. (John and Liz winners of best dressed competition)

Molly Owen, Sue Hewerdine, Wyn Calvin, Carole Calvin, Windsor Coles, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, David Owen, Marilyn Lingard.

German food writers enjoying a cookery demonstration at Angela Gray's cookery school, Hensol.

German food writers enjoy a 'farm to fork' Welsh tour

SHEEP farmers, processors and chefs across south-east Wales welcomed a delegation of leading German food writers last month as part of a press tour organised by Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales (HCC) – to demonstrate the outstanding natural environment where Welsh lamb is reared.

The food writers visited Wales in a bid to boost the profile of Welsh Lamb in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Germany has long been an important export market for Welsh red meat, while PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) Welsh lamb has recently expanded its following among Swiss high-end foodservice clients.

During the tour, food writers including Gastronmie magazine's Willy Faber enjoyed two on-farm tours, a Welsh lamb demonstration at Angela Gray's Cookery School in the Vale, a visit to the Two Sisters food group in Merthyr Tydfil, and a Penderyn Whisky distillery tour.

They completed their visit in the company of Michelin-starred chef Chris Harrod, at the Whitebrook restaurant in Monmouth.

HCC's German representative, Patricia Czerniak, has taken a leading role in the bid to promote Welsh lamb in Germany. She said: "Visits such as this offer food writers the chance to see the outstanding natural environment in Wales, and to meet farmers including Glasnant Morgan and Richard Roderick, and grass expert Charlie Morgan who have such a passion for producing Welsh lamb of the very highest quality."

Royal Mint staff vote the Velindre Cancer Centre as their charity

VELINDRE Cancer Care is the newly-nominated charity for staff at The Royal Mint.

Andrew Morris, head of fundraising at Velindre said: "We are delighted to have been chosen by the Royal Mint employees as their adopted charity. The two-year partnership will allow us plenty of planning time to ensure that the maximum amount possible is raised, so that Velindre can continue to provide care, support and treatment to patients and families."

Vale Council hosts Armed Forces Covenant meeting

RIGHT: Coun Anthony Powell and Peter Evans at the Armed Forces Covenant meeting.

THE Vale Council has held its Armed Forces Covenant meeting, which saw serving, and veteran, Armed Forces representatives from the Vale attend to discuss issues that affect the Armed Forces community in the area.

The Vale Council hosts the Armed Forces Covenant meetings every two months, and July saw the Royal British Legion's 'Count Them In' scheme discussed in a question and answer session with Peter Evans, Royal British Legion public affairs manager for Wales.

The 'Count Them In' scheme – "We count on them – let's count them in" – aims to increase what we know about the Armed Forces population of the UK. The Royal British Legion stresses that, despite an estimated one in 10 of the UK population being members of the Armed Forces community, there's limited information about where those members live, and what their needs may be.

They say that, by adding questions to the 2021 Census, our communities can improve their understanding of this unique community, and ensure that politicians, charities and service providers meet the needs of our serving personnel, veterans and their families across the UK.

A recent Council meeting – held on July 25 – saw the Vale Council approve the scheme, unanimously supporting the motio.

The council aims to support the scheme by ensuring that the Armed Forces community will not face disadvantage in the provision of services, and notes that increased statistical data on the Armed Forces community would greatly assist in the planning and provision of services addressing the unique needs of the Armed Forces community in the Vale.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, has said: "This council is proud to support the Armed Forces community and endorses the British Legion 'Count Them In' campaign, which calls on the UK Government to include specific questions relating to this unique community in the next UK Census."

Coun Anthony Powell, the Vale's 'Armed Forces Champion', attended July's Covenant meeting, and also expressed his pride at the Vale endorsing the 'Count Them In' scheme.

The next Armed Forces Covenant meeting is scheduled for September 30. If you are interested in attending the meeting, contact Mark Petherick, cabinet officer for the Vale Council, on mpetherick@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Take a positive step for Age Cymru Week...

Violet's Stone's photograph of her grandmother Marian Williams. This was the under-16s category winner of last year's Age Positive photography competition.

I WOULD like to invite your readers to take part in this year's Age Positive Week, Age Cymru's celebration of ageing and older people's contribution to our communities.

It's also part of Age Cymru's commitment to creating an age-friendly Wales where older people are valued and live fulfilling lives.

Age Positive Week takes place from Sunday, September 25 to Sunday, October 2 and coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Older Persons on October 1.

Your readers can take part in Age Positive Week by organising any event that involves older people, such as a tea party; a day trip; a concert; a dance class or even a school assembly.

If you would like an information pack about Age Positive Week, contact Age Cymru on 02920 431555 or email agepositive@agecymru.org.uk.

You can also find out more about Age Positive Week by visiting www.agecymru.org.uk/agepositive

Ian Thomas, Cardiff
Chief Executive, Age Cymru

DON'T LET DIABETES SPOIL YOUR BREAK

WITH the holiday season in full swing, many of your readers who are living with diabetes, will be looking forward to a well-deserved break in the sunshine, or planning a long weekend away.

If you or your child have diabetes, the condition will be going on your holiday with you, but there's no reason for it to slow anyone down provided you do some advance preparation.

Check out our useful travel advice at diabetes.org.uk/travel, including handy tips about carrying a letter from your doctor, packing extra medication and splitting supplies into separate bags.

Other suggestions include taking a letter from your diabetes team, which explains your condition when you check into an airport. There is also detailed information about how to plan ahead, to avoid any issues with airports and airlines – if you are taking an insulin pump or continuous glucose monitor with you.

For people living with Type 2 diabetes, Diabetes UK's online e-learning programme *Type 2 Diabetes and Me* includes a whole section about how to manage your condition while on holiday. This resource can be accessed free at type2diabetesandme.co.uk.

For more information and advice you can also call Diabetes UK's Careline on 0345 123 2399.

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Vale Show comes up trumps again with a fun day out for thousands of visitors

Pictures by
ALYS MASTERS

THE Vale Show maintained its reputation as one of south Wales great community days out as thousands of people headed to Fonmon.

As you can see, photographer Alys Masters, was able to catch some of the key moments.

The Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Stuart Egan, and the mayor's consort Nigel Gibbs.

Wales' star Dan Lydiate, who is from a farming family himself, was meeting visitors at the Oil4Wales stand.

The Neighbourhood Watch, Vale of Glamorgan, from left to right chairman David Ellis, treasurer Paul Lindsay, and committee member Ray Behrens, were on hand to give advice to members of the public.

'Stop, look, listen, live'
CAUTION URGED ON THE RAILS IN WALES

NETWORK Rail unveiled its level crossing safety campaign at a special event held recently at the National Assembly for Wales.

Network Rail hosted the event at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay with members invited to meet the safety team and sign up to a formal 'statement of opinion' highlighting level-crossing safety and Network Rail's campaign.

The safety campaign targets those who use level crossings most often, including young people, commuters, engine drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, dog walkers, tourists and commercial drivers and provides them with specific information to stay safe when crossing the railway.

There are approximately 1,100 level-crossings across Wales and the borders.

While the majority of people cross the railway safely, Network Rail states that there were 275 incidents at level-crossings in the past year in Wales, including five collisions and 27 near-misses.

Tracey Young, Wales community safety manager for Network Rail said: "The railway continues to get busier, so it's more important than ever for people to use level crossings safely. We're delighted that so many Assembly Members took the time to learn more about our campaign.

"Their support will be really important in promoting the safe use of crossings across Wales."

Huw Irranca-Davies, Assembly Member for Ogmore who signed a 'pledge board', added: "There have been 18 separate incidents of misuse at the Pencoed level-crossing, which is located in my constituency, in the past two years alone.

"I urge people to take care at level-crossings and follow Network Rail's campaign slogan to 'stop, look, listen, live'."

Help to make Dyffryn Gardens the number one Welsh attraction

DYFFRYN Gardens has been shortlisted as the most-loved park or garden in Wales in a national competition.

The other contenders are: beautiful building – National Library of Wales; historic site – Caerphilly Castle; family and fun – Abereiddi Blue Lagoon; countryside – Brecon Beacons; and in the category for beaches – Aberporth beach.

Giving her reasons as to why Dyffryn Gardens should clinch the overall prize, Geraldine Donovan, the GM at Dyffryn, said: "Dyffryn holds a special place in the hearts of so many people in the local community as it has been used for many things in the past.

"The gardens have been kept so beautiful for such a long time and we would love people to vote for us so that more people can hear about us and experience the magic.

"It would also be a huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have worked so hard at Dyffryn in the past few years to bring it back to life."

To get behind 'Team Dyffryn' and to help them win, vote at http://bit.ly/2b6V60b.

Vale Photographic Club's assignments prove popular

AT the start of the second month of our summer break, our assignments are as popular as ever.

With diverse topics ranging from 'simplified landscape' to 'family portrait', and 'food glorious food' to 'patterns,' the creativity of our members is constantly being challenged.

It's a fun exercise designed to make you think a bit more about what you photograph and how you capture that image.

Here we have 'Thirst Quencher' by Nick Pursey and 'Strength in the Waves' by Peter Dennis. All of the summer assignment images can be seen on our website www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk.

Before we know it, we'll be at the start of a new season of meetings at the village hall in Ystradowen on the first Friday in September. We have some new ideas on the programme, such as 'Photographers' Question Time' (based on the Radio 4 version for gardeners) as well as the return of an old favourite, 'A Panel of Three'.

Although we have a wide and varied selection of presentations, practicals and competitions on the programme, there is a recurring theme throughout the year.

This time it's about what is needed to 'polish' your images to maximise their impact – whether you want to hang them on your wall or enter them in competitions, exhibitions and salons.

As a club, we feel privileged to have many members who are interested in producing prints.

The satisfaction of making prints of your favourite photographs is extremely rewarding, but there is still a place for the more immediate benefit of sharing your work on your phones and tablets.

Whatever the level of your photography, we can all learn something by sharing work and socialising with fellow enthusiasts.

Feel free to come along to any of our meetings that may be of interest.

TERRY VERRINDER

'Thirst Quencher' by Nick Pursey

'Strength in the Waves' by Peter Dennis

Go 'The Full Monty' – outdoors

***THE Full Monty*, the 1990s classic, will be screened – outdoors – at St Donat's Arts Centre on Friday, August 12 at 8.30pm.**

Film fans are invited to bring along a blanket and picnic to enjoy this British favourite under the stars, set against the beautiful backdrop of St Donat's Castle.

Other screenings for summer 2016 include *Pitch Perfect*, *Pretty Woman* and *The Bodyguard*. To book tickets and for further event details, go to *www.stdonats.com* or call 01446 799100.

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Barry woman's £13,000 for Breast Cancer Care charity

Photographs by Gemma Collard Photography

Ian Hunt presents Carolyn with the cheque for £500.

BARRY resident Carolyn Collard has raised £13,715 for Breast Cancer Care, with an astounding £4,692 in 2016 alone.

She raised this amazing amount with a Ball and on July 31, her 10th Annual Strawberry Tea.

Carolyn said 'thank you' to all the businesses and individuals who donated, particularly Tesco Express at The Royal for all the strawberries, and to Ian Hunt, the owner of Filco, Llantwit Major, for attending on the day to present fundraisers with a cheque on behalf of Filco for £500.

If anybody would like to make a donation or host a 'spare-change pot,' get in touch by calling 07901 855854 or via the Facebook page 'Caca's Strawberry Teas.'

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Mixed emotions at Gladstone School

THE end of the summer term was both busy and emotional at Gladstone Primary School as children and staff celebrated and said their goodbyes.

A special assembly was held for Bev Holczman who is leaving the school after many years of being at Gladstone, first as a parent and in later years as a much loved learning support assistant. The school would like to wish her all the best in her new career.

The year-6 children showed off their talents in their leavers' concert with poetry, singing, acting and special memories of their times at Gladstone. All year-6 deserve a special mention as they have been a real credit this year and the following trophies were presented: 'Spirit of Gladstone' to Ffion Kirk; Christopher Durman (maths) trophy to Emily Copner; Jim Fletcher (School Councils) award to William Taylor; Friendship Award to Nicholas Dawson; Cricket Player of the Year to Jack Britt and Football Players of the Year to Danny Virgill and Lloyd Gear.

Year-6 continued in celebration with a special 'mocktail' party held in the school grounds hosted by year-6 teachers Clare Jones and Lisa Belby.

All the staff would like to wish the year-6 children the very best of luck in their new secondary schools. We look forward to welcoming everyone else back in September, have a fun and restful summer break.

HELEN REILLY
Deputy headteacher

Waterfront builder wins NHBC award

JOHN POPPLE from Barry Waterfront has been recognised for his dedication to building homes of exceptional quality in the first round of the annual NHBC 'Pride in the Job' awards.

John of BDW South Wales won the award for his management of the 'Reflections' project at the Quays site on Barry Waterfront, joining almost 450 other winners from across the UK.

Now in its 36th year, 'Pride in the Job' celebrates the contribution site managers make in creating homes of outstanding quality. As well as undergoing spot checks on the day-to day running of the sites, each site manager is assessed on 37 areas of site management, including technical knowledge, consistency in the build process and the quality controls they have in place.

As part of the year-long judging process, the winners will now be shortlisted for 'Seals of Excellence' and regional titles, which will be revealed in the autumn.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE?

Bruno Groening Circle of Friends

A LECTURE entitled 'Healing on the Spiritual Path – Medically Verifiable' will be delivered on Saturday, August 13 from 11am – 1pm.

On Saturday, August 20 the documentary film, *The Phenomenon Bruno Groening* will be screened (between 10.30am and 5.30pm).

The venue is the Holiday Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 1XD in the Syndicate Room.

Further information is available on the internet at www.bruno-groening.org/english.

British Legion Handy Van

THE Royal British Legion Handy Van serves those unable to carry out small repairs and minor adaptations to their home.

To be eligible, customers must have served in the Forces or be the dependant of an ex-Serviceman/woman, and be in receipt of a means-tested benefit or Tax Pension.

An adviser from the local 'Poppy Calls' will be available to chat to on Tuesday, August 16 between 10am and 12 midday.

Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Art workshop

THE Knap Community Action Group has a free drawing and painting workshop on Sunday, August 14 from 10am – 1pm at the Knap Lake and gardens, Barry.

Bring your pencils, pads and paints and join professional artist Glyn Pooley for a tutored painting workshop at the Knap Lake and gardens in Barry. (meet under shelters at the promenade end of the park). All levels welcome; some materials will be provided.

Llantwit surgery

A SURGERY with Alun Cairns MP, Coun Tony Bennett and Coun Ralph Austin takes place on Friday, August 19 from 10am–11.30am at Llantwit Major Town Hall; all welcome.

50+ forum

THE Vale of Glamorgan 50+ Strategy Forum will be holding its AGM on Thursday, September 15 at the Corporate Suite, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, with registration from 9.30am starting at 10am.

Ian Thomas, CEO of Age Cymru and Rachel Connor CEO of Glamorgan Voluntary Services will be speakers. All members of the Vale 50+ Strategy Forum are invited to attend.

Contact John Porter on 01446 709779 or email jporter@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk to book your place.

Table top sale

CARTREF Porthceri at 91 Salisbury Road, Barry, will hold a table top sale on Saturday, August 20 from 1pm; clothes, books, bric-a-brac, toys and refreshments. All welcome.

THE VALE AM BECOMES BUTTERFLY CHAMPION!

AS part of an initiative run by the Wales Environment Link, Wales' rarest species of animal, bird and plant are being assigned an Assembly Member to champion their cause.

Jane Hutt and Russell Hobson from the Butterfly Conservation Trust with a volunteer.

Vale AM Jane Hutt has been paired with the High Brown Fritillary butterfly which was once widespread in Wales, but is now only found in the Alun Valley near Ewenny in the Vale.

She visited Ewenny last week and met Russell Hobson, head of conservation at Butterfly Conservation Trust and volunteers, to learn more about the species.

The Vale's AM said: "The High Brown Fritillary is an orange butterfly with black wing markings. Much of the historic losses of High Brown Fritillary populations are associated with the decline of bracken harvesting and grazing of bracken slopes.

"The Vale High Brown Fritillary population is being protected and promoted by the hard work and efforts of volunteers. To find out more, visit the Butterfly Conservation Wales website."

Vale man's £1,000 bonanza

A VALE man was among six motorists who won free car parts in a national competition run by GSF Car Parts.

Craig Noble-Jones of Rhoose Point received £1,000-worth of parts to get his 1985 VWt25 campervan back on track after two years of "problematic ownership".

His wife, Cara, was concerned the campervan – nicknamed Monty –

wouldn't be ready for the summer holidays: "Since we bought the van, so far I've spent a lot of time on my back on the driveway underneath it in the damp, trying to remedy all of the issues", said Craig. "£1,000 should certainly help, particularly to make it more cosmetically pleasing!"

The list of items he won included replacement brakes, shock absorbers and bumpers for the front and rear.

Craig hopes his passion for restoring classics will rub off on his six-year-old daughter and has promised her that when she's 15 they will restore a VW Beetle.

Peter McKechnie of Llanharan won £250 worth of parts for his collection of classic VW Beetles he owns with his father.

Wales' health roadshow stops off at Fonmon

WALES' national health study, HealthWise Wales's roadshow, stopped off at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show on Wednesday.

The roadshow encourages members of the public across the country to take part in the pioneering project.

Visitors were able to learn more about nation-wide health research, as well as enter a prize draw to win a FitBit activity tracker on the stall during the show near Fonmon Castle.

A spokesperson explained: "HealthWise Wales offers a unique opportunity for the Welsh public to be part of shaping the nation's health and wellbeing and to help the NHS in Wales plan for the future. Everyone aged 16 and over and living in Wales is given the opportunity to take part and spend ten minutes completing a confidential, online survey twice a year."

To find out more and to complete the survey, visit www.healthwisewales.gov.wales, or call the HealthWise Wales team on 0800 172 172 or 029 2076 8090 between 8am and 7pm, Monday to Friday for more information.

FLYBE AND AIRBERLIN agreement will promote Wales

FLYBE, Europe's largest regional airline, has announced the signing of a significant codeshare relationship with airberlin.

Under the agreement, airberlin will place its marketing code on Flybe routes connecting Cardiff to Dusseldorf, Munich and Berlin – promoting Wales as a destination across its extensive network.

The new agreement is the latest example of Flybe's commitment to providing convenient connections for business and leisure travellers flying to and from Cardiff Airport.

Airberlin has a strong brand, network and distribution presence in Germany and Europe more broadly, to support growth in the German point of sale on these important routes.

This news follows the recent announcement that Flybe's brand new twice weekly route from Cardiff to Berlin scheduled to start on November 2, will now begin a month earlier on October 1. One way fares are available now from £34.99 (€45) one way including taxes and charges and are available for booking now at www.flybe.com.

Debra Barber, Cardiff Airport's managing director and chief operating officer, commented: "We welcome this new code share agreement which builds on the strategy of working with our airline partners to promote Wales as a destination especially in key markets such as Germany.

"It also offers Welsh customers even more options to connect onto other destinations when they fly from Cardiff with Flybe.

"Utilising hub connections on the Flybe network is proving very popular with our customers and we look forward to the airberlin agreement continuing and growing this success."

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NEW

WOODSTOCK CLOSE, BARRY
• END OF LINK PROPERTY
• LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• TWO BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC D/G
• NO CHAIN
• ER=D
£89,950

NEW

FORSTER STREET, BARRY
• END OF TERRACED PROPERTY
• LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• TWO BEDROOMS
• MODERN FAM. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING A MUST
• WELL PRESENTED
• ER=D
£95,500

NEW

PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• CLOSE PROXIMITY TO BARRY ISLAND
• THROUGH LIVING/DINING ROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• GROUND FLOOR BATHROOM
• REFURBISHMENT REQUIRED
• UPVC D/G
• NO CHAIN
• ER=
£99,950

NEW

CEI DAFYDD, BARRY
• MODERN APARTMENT
• 1ST FLOOR
• TWO BEDROOM (EN SUITE)
• BALCONY WITH WATER VIEWS
• DESIGNATED PARKING
• NO CHAIN
• SOLD AS SEEN
• ER=C
£114,950

NEW

WINDSOR COURT, BARRY
• 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT
• PLACED IN A GRADE II LISTED BUILDING
• TWO BEDROOMS WITH SEA VIEWS
• SEPARATE FITTED KITCHEN
• LIFT/GYMNASIUM/LAUNDRY ROOM
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• PARKING AVAILABLE
• VIEWING ADVISED
• ER=
£118,000

NEW

TRINITY STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• SPACIOUS KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• UTILITY AREA
• TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
• LANE ACCESS
• ER=E
£119,950

NEW

DEVON AVENUE, BARRY
• SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• UTILITY AREA/SUN LOUNGE
• W.C. CLOAK/STORAGE SHED
• THREE BEDROOMS
• FAM. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED GARDEN/GARAGE/HARDSTANDING
• NO CHAIN
• EPC - TBA
£129,950

NEW

GLADSTONE ROAD, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• CONVENIENT LOCATION
• THREE RECEPTION ROOMS
• FITTED KITCHEN
• FOUR BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM & EN SUITE
• REAR GARDEN & BASEMENT
• SOME UPDATING NEEDED
• NO CHAIN
• ER=
£142,995

NEW

GREENACRES, BARRY
• MODERN SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM,CONSERVATORY
• INTEGRAL GARAGE
• MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
• THREE BEDROOMS
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
• ENCLOSED 80FT GARDEN
• CUL DE SAC POSITION • ER=D
£159,950

NEW

PARDOE CRESCENT, BARRY
• SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
• THREE BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM & FITTED KITCHEN
• DRIVEWAY
• GCH VIA COMBI & UPVC D/G
• FAR REACHING SEA VIEWS
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING RECOMMENDED
• NO CHAIN
• ER=
£159,950

NEW

JENNER ROAD, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL MID TERRACED
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN/BREAKFAST AREA
• 1ST FLR: TWO BEDROOMS
• 2ND FLR: THIRD BEDROOM (ATTIC CONVERSION)
• ENCLOSED LEVEL GARDEN
• DOUBLE GARAGE/LANE ACCESS
• VIEWING ADVISED
• ER=
£239,950

NEW

GLYN Y GOG, RHOOSE
• SPACIOUS DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM,STUDY,DINING RM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST,CONSERVATORY
• FOUR DBLE BEDROOMS - EN-SUITE
• PRIVATE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• DOUBLE GARAGE/AMPLE DRIVEWAY
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• VIEWING ADVISED
• ER=D
£319,950

EXCELLENT VALUE

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
• DETACHED BUNGALOW
• TWO REC. ROOMS
• THREE BEDROOMS
• ATTIC/HOBBY AREA
• FABULOUS VIEWS OVER THE VALE
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• DRIVEWAY
• NO CHAIN
• ER=D
£254,950

PARK COURT, BARRY
• THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT
• FAR REACHING VIEWS OVER BRISTOL CHANNEL
• OPEN PLAN LIVING/KITCHEN
• TWO BEDROOMS
• DESIGNATED PARKING
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• ER=D
£110,000

BELVEDERE CRESCENT, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONALG
• THREE BEDROOMS
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• UPVC D/G & GCH VIA COMBI
• ENCLOSED GARDEN WITH HARDSTAND AND LANE ACCESS
• TOWN CENTRE LOCATION
• ER=D
£119,950

CASTLE STREET, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• FIRST FLR. BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• ER=D
£133,950

LEWIS STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACED TRADITIONAL
• WEST END LOCATION
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS
• UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING
• GAS CENTRAL HEATING
• NO CHAIN
• ER=D
£137,750

ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
• END OF LINK
• WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• TWO BEDROOMS (PREVIOUSLY THREE)
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• GARAGE/PARKING IN BLOCK
• CUL DE SAC POSITION
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• EPC=D
£155,950

THE GRANARY, PENMARK
• IMMACULATE PRESENTATION • SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
• THREE REC. ROOMS • FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
• PRIVATELY ENCLOSED BY GATES • ENCLOSED COURTYARD GARDEN
• DOUBLE GARAGE/PARKING • NO CHAIN • ER=E
£415,000

ST. BRANNOCKS CLOSE, BARRY
• SEMI DETACHED
• EXTENDED DWELLING
• WELL PRESENTED
• LIVING ROOM
• OPEN PLAN KITCHEN/DINER/SITTING AREA
• THREE BEDROOMS
• BALCONY OFF MASTER
• VIEWING ESSENTIAL
• NO FORWARD CHAIN
• ER=D
£174,950

ROMILLY PARK ROAD, BARRY
• SPACIOUS SEMI DETACHED
• THROUGH LIVING ROOM
• DINING AREA, CONSERVATORY
• W.C. CLOAKROOM
• THREE BEDROOMS,SHOWER ROOM
• STAIRS RISING TO ATTIC/HOBBY AREA
• DRIVEWAY PROVIDING PARKING
• GARAGE VIA REAR LANE
• VIEWING ADVISED
• ER=E
£364,950

WHITE HOUSE, BARRY
• STUNNING DETACHED RESIDENCE
• W.C. CLOAKROOM,STUDY
• TWO REC. ROOMS
• SUN LOUNGE
• INTEGRAL GARAGE
• FAR REACHING VIEWS OVER THE BRISTOL CHANNEL & OLD HARBOUR
• FOUR DBLE BEDROOMS (EN-SUITE)/GYMNASIUM AREA
• DOUBLE GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
• NO CHAIN
• ER=D
£550,000

BASSETT STREET, BARRY
• MID TERRACE TRADITIONAL
• 3 BEDROOMS
• LIVING/DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• ATTIC ROOM
• ENTRANCE PORCH
• CONVENIENT LOCATION
• GCH VIA COMBI
• NO CHAIN
• ER=E
£117,950

CAREW CLOSE, BARRY
• MODERN END OF LINK
• THREE BEDROOMS
• LIVING ROOM
• DINING ROOM
• KITCHEN
• UPVC D/G & GCH VIA A COMBI
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• NO FORWARD CHAIN
• ER=D
£122,000

BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY
• SEMI DETACHED
• 3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• ELEVATED VIEWS
• LIVING ROOM
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• DRIVEWAY
• BUILDING PLOT WITH CONSENT FOR A DETACHED DWELLING
• IDEAL INVESTMENT PROPERTY
• ER=D
£214,950

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
• BAY FRONTED SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• CONSERVATORY
• THREE BEDROOMS
• SPACIOUS FAM. BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• VIEWING HIGHLY ADVISED
• ER=E
£224,950

PORT ROAD EAST, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
• W.C. CLOAKROOM
• LIVING ROOM/DINING ROOM
• EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN/SUN LOUNGE
• SPACIOUS FAMILY SHOWER ROOM
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
• TRAD. OAK BLOCK FLOORING
• NO CHAIN
• ER=D
£225,000

THISTLE CLOSE, BARRY
• FABULOUS DETACHED PROPERTYE
• FOUR BEDROOMS
• MASTER EN SUITE
• KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM
• CONVERTED GARAGE
• DOWNSTAIRS CLOAKROOM
• DOUBLE GLAZING THROUGHOUT
• LARGE GARDEN
• OFF ROAD PARKING
• ER=D
£228,000

TYNEWYDD ROAD, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED
• LIVING ROOM
• DINING ROOM, SITTING ROOM
• W.C. CLOAKROOM
• LUXURY BATHROOM WITH ROLL TOP BATH
• SEA VIEWS ACROSS BRISTOL CHANNEL
• THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• ATTIC/HOBBY ROOM
• VERY WELL PRESENTED
• ER=F
£229,950

BROOKFIELD AVENUE, BARRY
• SPACIOUS DETACHED PROPERTY
• 4 BEDROOMS (MASTER EN SUITE)
• WC CLOAKROOM
• LIVING ROOM & DINING ROOM
• SPACIOUS FITTED KITCHEN
• SITTING ROOM (CONVERTED GARAGE)
• AMPLE PARKING SPACE
• ENCLOSED GARDEN
• ER=D
£244,950

CENNIN PEDR, BARRY
• MODERN DETACHED
• FOUR BEDROOMS (MASTER ENSUITE)
• LIVING ROOM
• DINING ROOM
• WC CLOAKROOM
• FITTED KITCHEN
• UTILITY ROOM
• GARAGE/DRIVEWAY
• ER=D
£256,950

GLAN HAFREN, BARRY
• FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
• 2 DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• BATHROOM WITH JACUZZI
• SEPARATE CLOAKROOM/UTILITY
• FAR REACHING VIEWS
• VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
• GARAGE
• ER=B
£264,950

WHITE FARM, BARRY
• PERSIMMON BUILT
• MODERN DETACHED
• 2 RECEPTION ROOMS
• SPACIOUS KITCHEN/BREAKFAST
• WC CLOAK & UTILITY
• FOUR BEDROOMS
• MASTER EN-SUITE
• DRIVEWAY/GARAGE
• ER=C
£269,950

GILBERT STREET, BARRY
• TRADITIONAL MID TERRACE
• BOX BAY FRONT
• LIVING ROOM & DINING ROOM
• TWO BEDROOMS & COT ROOM
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• ENCLOSED GARDEN
• LANE ACCESS
• NO CHAIN
• ER=E
£89,950

PYKE STREET, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY
• THROUGH LOUNGE/ DINING ROOM
• SEPERATE RECEPTION ROOM
• KITCHEN
• THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
• BATHROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
• NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS
• EPC - TO FOLLOW
£650 per month

HENRY STREET, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY
• REDECORATED THROUGHOUT
• THROUGH LOUNGE
• KITCHEN
• UTILITY ROOM, W.C
• BATHROOM
• LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN
• NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS
• EPC - E
£625 per month

LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
• FAMILY BATHROOM
• DRIVEWAY & GARAGE
• REAR GARDEN
• NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS
• EPC - D
£595 per month

HEOL GYLFINIR, BARRY
• MODERN THREE BEDROOM PROPERTY
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN
• LARGE CONSERVATORY
• MASTER BEDROOM WITH EN-SUITE
• SINGLE GARAGE
• LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN
• PETS CONSIDERED
• NO DSS
• NO SMOKERS
£750 per month

CRESSWELL COURT, BARRY
• THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED PROPERTY
• LOUNGE
• KITCHEN
• SHOWER ROOM
• ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
• PARKING TO FRONT OF PROPERTY
• NEW BOILER
• NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, DSS CONSIDERED
• EPC - D
£575 per month

VERE STREET, BARRY
• TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE
• ENTRANCE HALLWAY LEADING TO FIRST FLOOR LIVING SPACE
• LOUNGE
• ONE DOUBLE, ONE SINGLE BEDROOM
• KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
• 1 MINS WALK TO CADOXTON TRAIN STATION
• NO PETS, NO SMOKERS, NO DSS
• EPC - E
£550 per month

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NEW

The Old Chapel, College Field Close - £375,000
Grade II listed detached chapel built in the 1930s set within wrap around gardens
Detached garage with bespoke accommodation above
Beautifully maintained and presented retaining many original Art Deco features
Lounge. Music room. Kitchen/dining room with utility area. Bedroom. Cloakroom.
Further three bedrooms and family bathroom to first floor.

NEW

Thistle Close, Barry - £145,950
Well presented two bedroom
semi-detached property.
Set on a corner plot. West End of Barry.
Lounge. Kitchen/breakfast room.
Conservatory. Bathroom. En suite.
Driveway for two vehicles.

NEW

Clos Mancheldowne - £157,950
Three bedroom modern end link property situated on the Waterfront.
Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. Downstairs w/c. Family bathroom.
UPVC double glazing and gas central heating.
Enclosed rear garden. Driveway for two vehicles.
In walking distance to local amenities and train station.

NEW

Hunter Street - £89,950
Two double bedroom mid terrace property.
Living room. Kitchen/breakfast room.
First floor bathroom.
UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Enclosed rear garden.
No forward chain.

Meet the team!

NEW

Vere Street - £59,950
One bedroom ground floor flat.
East End of Barry.
Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom.
Enclosed rear garden.
Close to local amenities.
No forward chain.

NEW

Lower Morel Street - £115,000
Three bedroom mid terrace property in
the heart of Barry.
Lounge/dining room.
Kitchen and ground floor bathroom.
UPVC double glazing and gas central heating.
In walking distance to train station.

Butt Lee Court - £84,950
Well presented two double bedroom apartment.
First floor with panoramic sea views.
Lounge/dining room. Kitchen/breakfast room.
Bathroom. Office/store room.
UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Communal parking and gardens.

NEW

Port Road East - £335,000
Four bedroom detached bungalow
with views across the Vale.
Generous accommodation and
wrap around gardens.
Carport for three/four vehicles.
UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Easy access to Cardiff, M4 corridor and airport.

NEW PRICE

Llewellyn Street - £101,950
Refurbished three bedroom mid terrace property.
Lounge. Dining room. Fitted kitchen.
Ground floor bathroom.
New flooring throughout.
UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Close to local amenities.

Heol Pilipala - £225,000
Modern four bedroom detached residence.
Cloakroom. Lounge. Dining room.
Kitchen/breakfast room. Utility room.
Newly fitted family bathroom and en suite.
Ideal family home.
No chain.

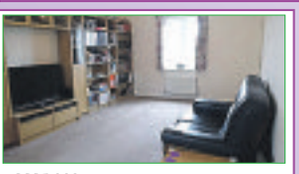
NEW

Tynewydd Road - £354,950
Renovated to a high standard throughout.
Four double bedroom detached residence.
Wrap around gardens.
Driveway and detached garage.
Sea views. No chain.
Ideal family accommodation.

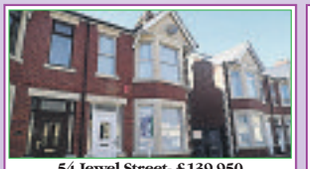
NEW PRICE

Birch Grove - £299,995
Three bedroom semi detached property.
Sought after West End location.
Many original features.
Parquet flooring throughout.
Stone's throw from the lake,
beaches and cafes.

NEW



White Farm - £225,000
Four bedroom detached residence situated in North Barry.
Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. Utility room. Downstairs w/c.
Family bathroom and en suite shower room. UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Enclosed rear garden. Driveway for two vehicles. Garage.
Views across mature countryside.



54 Jewel Street- £139,950
Three bedroom bay fronted property in
the heart of Barry.
Two reception rooms. Kitchen.
Downstairs bathroom.
En suite to bedroom one. UPVC d/g and gas c/h.
Forecourt and rear garden. No chain.

NEW

Cliffwood View - £325,000
Well presented and maintained four bedroom detached bungalow.
Situated on the highly sought after Garden Suburb, West end.
Living room. Conservatory. Modern kitchen. Shower room.
Enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway. Garage.
Close to Porthkerry Country Park, Cold Knap and beaches.

COMMERCIAL

TO LET

Old Barclays bank, Broad Street - £15,000 Per Annum (TO LET)
An opportunity to acquire a suite of offices.
Designed and built as a high security store.
Security precautions are designed into the structure.
Off road parking for up to three vehicles.
Viewing recommended.

FOR SALE

High Street, Barry, £159,950
Opportunity to purchase a three storey premises.
Three bedroom flat above access via shop.
Shop area, kitchen and shower room
to ground floor.
Two receptions, three bedrooms
to first and second floors.
Enclosed rear courtyard.

FOR SALE

1-3 St Marys Avenue, Barry - £285,000
Or available to lease for £25,000 per annum.
Large and spacious two/three storey property.
Formally two properties - can easily
be reverted back.
Maintained to a high standard offering a
turn-key commercial premises.
Combined floor area approximately 1,950 sqft.

TO LET

37/39 Holton Road, Barry - £10,000
RENT NEGOTIABLE ON WHOLE OR PART.
Suite of nine offices set over first
and second floors.
Possibility to convert into two separate.
Kitchen and toilet facilities. Parking to the rear.
Flexible terms. Rates payable.

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GlastonBARRY THRILLED AUDIENCES WHO NOW LOOK FORWARD TO 2017!

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PEOPLE in the Vale are still talking about the GlastonBARRY tribute festival weekend.

It culminated in the crowd singing the Welsh football song 'Don't take me Home' – to show their appreciation.

Local impresarios Ross Mackintosh and Matt Blumberg had secured a top line-up of bands, who thrilled the audiences.

Ross said: "The atmosphere was incredible all weekend and nobody wanted to leave.

"At the end of the festival we had thousands of people singing the Welsh football song 'Don't take me Home'. Amazing!"

Ross and Matt are now organising GlastonBARRY 2017, but wonder how they are going to top 2016.

Wenvoe Terrace, Barry
4 Bedrooms & Loft Room
25' Lounge; Dining Room; Kitchen
Large Garage; Sea Views; West End
£189,950 tbc

Sandringham Close, Highlight Park, Barry
4 Bedrooms, 2 Large Receptions
Long Drive; Rural Views; No Chain
£234,950 D62

Cilgant Y Meillion, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms & Bonus Room
3 Receptions; Conservatory Style Room
Large Family Gardens; Excellent Order
£335,000 tbc

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Family Notices

EASTMENT
Zena (Née Goodwin)

Sadly, despite her courageous fight on Sunday, August 7, Zena passed away. Beloved wife of Leslie, best mum in the world to June and Marion, mother-in-law to Alan and Trevor. A devoted nan and great nana to Daniel, Becky, Vicky, Holly, Charlie, Keeley, Brodey, Menna and Awen.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, until the service in St. Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, August 18 at 2.15pm, afterwards to Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations if wished for either Cancer Research UK or The British Heart Foundation may be forwarded to the funeral director.

HOLLINSHEAD
Leslie Milroy (Roy)

Peacefully at Ty Gwyn Nursing Home, Penarth on July 29, Roy, aged 83 years. Beloved husband of the late Mary Hollinshead (née Davies), father of David and Russell. Leslie will be greatly missed by his brother Graham, sister Sylvia and their families.

The family are very grateful and would like to thank all the staff at Ty Gwyn Nursing Home for the care given to Leslie.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Friday, August 19 at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

AVAIENT
June Priscilla

Peacefully with the presence of her family on August 6 at home, June Priscilla, aged 85 years, of Barrians Way, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Richard Charles. A loved mother of Alan, Jeanette and mother-in-law of the late Elizabeth Maureen (Mo). Cherished grand mother 'mother' of Sonia and her husband John. Loving grandmother, great grandmother and great great grand mother.

June will be sadly missed by all of her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Monday, August 22, service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

BENOY
Christopher Paul (Pitchfork)

Peacefully after a short illness at UHW Cardiff, Christopher, aged 74 years. Beloved brother of Jeanette, Norma-Jean, Kevin and the late Laurence.

Christopher will be greatly missed by all his family and Friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son until the funeral service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, August 16 at 11am, followed by Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only. Please dress casual.

JAMES
George

We are sad to announce the passing of a wonderful, happy man who will be greatly missed by Val, Geraint, Louise, Dianne, Bekki, Hannah and Lucas, and all his many friends.

Service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday 17th August at 1.45pm.

WOODS
Avril Valerie (Val)

Val, wife of the late Haydn, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Funeral service at St Cadoc's Church, Pendoylan on Friday, August 19 at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only, donations in lieu can be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

LEWIS
Janis Adele

(Formerly of Castle Street, Barry)

Lost her battle with cancer on 31st July 2016, she died peacefully at her home in Surrey.

Someone so special can never be forgotten.

EDWARDS
David John

Suddenly on August 3 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Johnny the Milk of Llanmaes. Beloved husband of the late Eirlais, dearly loved mother of Sian, father-in-law of Mike and much loved grandfather of David and Lauren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, August 19, service and cremation 1.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Cancer Research U.K. c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 3DZ.

Birthday

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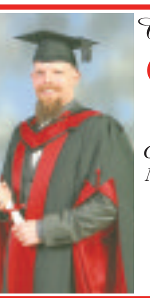

Congratulations

Geoffrey Field

Congratulations on your Masters Degree from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Love from Mum and Dad.

Acknowledgement

GEORGE
Trevor

Glyn, Phillipa and family would like to thank everyone who attended Trevor's funeral service, and gave donations to Cancer Research. Special thanks to Canon David Brunning for his wonderful service.

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 18 BARRY)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2014

On the 9th day of June 2016 the Welsh Ministers confirmed the above order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This order comes into force on 9th June 2016, but if a person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 11th August 2016 make an application to the High Court.

Dated this 11th August 2016

HYSBYSIAD I GADARNHAU GORCHYMYN LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS
DEDDF PRIFFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS RHIF 18 Y BARRI
GORCHYMYN GWYRO LLWYBR CYHOEDDUS 2014

Ar y 9fed diwrnod o Fehefin 2016 cadarnhaodd Gweinidogion Cymru'r gorchymyn uchod o dan isadran 119 Deddf Priffyrdd 1980.

Effaith y gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd yw gwyro'r llwybr cyhoeddus a nodir yn yr Atodlen ac a ddangosir ar fap y Gorchymyn.

Mae copi o'r gorchymyn fel y'i cadarnhawyd a map y gorchymyn wedi eu rhoi ac i'w gweld am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Dociau, Dociau'r Barri, y Barri, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Gellir prynu copïau ymo o'r gorchymyn a'r map am bris o £4.50.

Daw'r gorchymyn hwn i rym ar 9fed o Fehefin 2016, ond os oes person sy'n tybio ei fod yn cael cam yn sgil y gorchymyn yn awyddus i amau ei ddilysrwydd, neu unrhyw ddarpariaeth sydd wedi'i chynnwys ynddo, ar y sail nad yw yn dod o dan bwerau Deddf Priffyrdd 1980, fel y'i diwygiwyd, neu oherwydd na chydymffurfiwyd ag unrhyw reoliad wnaed o dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r gorchymyn, gall ef neu hi, o dan baragraff 2 Atodlen 2 i'r Ddeddf fel y'i cymhwyswyd gan baragraff 5 Atodlen 6 y Ddeddf, cyn pen 6 wythnos o'r 11eg o Awst 2016 wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwnnw.

Dyddiedig yr 11eg o Awst hwn 2016

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 ECCLESIASTICAL EXEMPTION (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS ORDER) 1994

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the procedure of the United Reformed Church for the purposes of the above-named Order, Bethesda'r Fro United Reformed Church, Eglwys Brewis Road, Boverton, Llantwit Major, CF62 4NG has applied to the Listed Building Advisor/Committee of the National Synod of Wales of the United Reformed Church for its advice on proposals to:

- Replace the existing concrete path with stepping stones and create a new path from the vehicle "pull in" area to allow wheelchair access to the churchyard;
- Raise the level of the courtyard to vestry floor level slabs;
- Alter the vestry door and create a ramp and handrail to improve access;
- Construct an extension to be subservient to the main building and vestry;
- Form a new opening through the vestry to the extension;
- Introduce a new mains water supply;
- Provide for drainage to discharge to a trench arch within the site;
- Improve ventilation to the church to enable safe use of the fire and heating system;
- Replace the lost cowl to the chimney; and
- Lime wash all external walls in white as existing.

The church building is a grade II listed building.
Further details of the proposals may be obtained from the Secretary of the Committee at the address below, with whom arrangements may be made to inspect the relevant plans and other documents.
The proposals may also be inspected by prior arrangement with Ms Joan Davies tel 01446 793637.
Any comments on the proposals should be sent in writing to the Secretary, Listed Buildings Advisory Committee, United Reformed Church, National Synod of Wales, Minster Road, Roath, Cardiff, CF23 5AS and be received by Friday, 19th August 2016.
Mr Colin Grimes, Acting Secretary,
Listed Buildings Advisory Committee
21st July 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE
LICENSING ACT 2003

To whom it may concern.
We, Colwinston Community Hall Association do hereby give notice that we have applied to the licencing authority (The Vale of Glamorgan Council) for the grant of a premises licence at Colwinston Community Hall, Maes y Bryn, Colwinston, CF71 7NL, known as Colwinston Village Hall. The application is for the supply of alcohol.

Any persons wishing to make representation to this application may do so in writing to the Licencing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Office, Holton Road. Barry, CF63 4RU, no later than 28 days after the date of this notice.

Representations after this date will not be considered.

A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application the maximum fine on summary conviction is £5000.
Signed RE Gatis
Date - 5th August 2016

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COGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL COLLECT TWO PRESTIGIOUS WELSH HERITAGE AWARDS

RIGHT: Cogan Primary pupils receive the awards on behalf of the school.

COGAN Primary School won two categories in the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative, held recently at the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea.

The school scooped the Soroptimist International prize and the Moondance Foundation prize.

The Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative was set up 26 years ago. Its objectives are to encourage all schools, sixth forms and colleges across Wales to take part in an annual competition to produce a project that involves them in working with their families and local communities, thus helping to preserve their Welsh heritage and to contribute to it themselves.

Cogan Primary School's project, 'Past Present and Future…', focused on the Cogan's unique history involving their school and community.

The pupils displayed its findings through drama, technology, models and displays and an open afternoon was held at the school to share their work with the local community.

Council's course on managing stress

THE Vale Council-led Barry Communities First is running a free course that gives advice on how to manage stress and its associated symptoms.

With a focus on what stress is, and what causes it, the course offers a range of practical relaxation techniques to help you deal with everyday anxieties.

The stress management course takes place on August 19, from 9.30am–2.30pm, in Barry Library, King Square.

For more information, or to reserve a place, contact Communities First on 01446 709432, or email Communitiesfirst@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

PACT MEETING

DINAS Powys PACT meeting takes place at St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road, Dinas Powys on Friday, August 12 at 7pm.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972 Adran 123 (2A)

(fel y'i diwygiwyd gan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol, Cynllunio a Thir 1980)

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod yn unol â darpariaethau statudol uchod, mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu i brydlesu i Cyngor Cymuned Llanber y Fro tir ac eiddo a elwir yn Gaeau Chwaraen Llanbedr y Fro (Peterston Super Ely Playing Fields) sy'n cynnwys neu sy'n ffurfio rhan o'r tir agored o fewn ystyr adran 123 (2A) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972.

Gall cynllun sy'n dangos y tir sydd i'w brydlesu gael ei archwilio yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Holton Road, Y Barri, CF63 4RU ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Rhaid i wrthwynebiadau i'r brydles a fwriadwyd ei wneud yn ysgrifenedig, gan ddatgan y rhesymau dros wrthwynebu'r brydles ac fe'u cyfeirir at Jocelyn Ham, Uwch Gyfreithiwr, Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Holton Road, Y Barri CF63 4RU erbyn dim hwyrach na 22 Awst 2016.

Dyddiad: 4 Awst 2016

D Marles
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A)

(as amended by The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the above statutory provisions that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to grant a lease to Peterston Super Ely Community Council of the land and property known as Peterston Super Ely Playing Fields that consists of or forms part of open space within the meaning of the section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

A plan identifying the land to be leased may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended lease must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objection and addressed to Jocelyn Ham, Senior Lawyer, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU by no later than 22nd August 2016

Dated: 4th day of August 2016

D Marles
Head of Legal Services

Cyngor Bro Morgannwg 2016

GORCHYMYN GWAHARDD A CHYFYNGU AR FANNAU AROS A LLWYTHO A PHARCIO) (GORFODI SIFIL) (DIWYGIAD) (RHIF 4)

1. Hysbysir drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adrannau 1, 2 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 a 124 a Rhan IV Atodlen 9 Deddf Rheoleiddio Traffig 1984 a Rhan 6 Deddf Rheoli Traffig 2004 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gosod y mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 1 a chael gwared ar y mannau parcio i bobl anabl yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

2. Gall manylion llawn y cynigion gael eu harchwilio yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Rhaid cyflwyno unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig hwn i Gyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai (Cyf. IF804) yn ysgrifenedig erbyn 2 Medi 2016 a rhaid iddo nodi eich rhesymau dros wrthwynebu.

3. Rhoddir gwybod i unrhyw un sy'n gwrthwynebu'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig, yn sgîl Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Mynediad i Wybodaeth) 1985, fod gofyniad cyfreithiol ar y Cyngor hwn i roi unrhyw sylwadau a geir mewn ymateb i'r Gorchymyn arfaethedig ar gael i'r cyhoedd eu harchwilio.

Mae'r Gorchymyn Rheoleiddio Traffig canlynol i gael ei ddiwygio fel a ganlyn:

Gorchymyn Gwahardd a Chyfyngu ar Fannau Aros a Llwytho a Pharcio (Gorfodi Sifil) 2013

ATODLEN 1

Cynnig Gwaredu Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Evans Street, Y Barri (8) (AV51)

Gwaredu Aros Cyfyngedig presennol Llun-Sad 8am-6pm 2 awr dim dychwelyd ymhen 2 awr ac eithrio Deiliaid Trwydded i Breswylwyr a rhoi Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl yn ei le.

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 7 a 8 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Broad Street, Y Barri (101) (AW51)

Ar ochr y gogledd-orllewin o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 100 a 101 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 6 metr.

Cornwall Road, Y Barri (22) (AT52)

Ar ochr y gogledd o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 20 a 22 tua'r gorllewin am 6.6 metr.

Bassett Street, Y Barri (24) (AU53)

Ar ochr y gogledd-ddwyrain o linell derfyn rhifau eiddo 22 a 24 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 5 metr.

Winsdor Road, Penarth (164) (AI63)

Ar ochr y de-orllewin o bwynt 39 metr i'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd ag Andrew Road tua'r de-ddwyrain am 5 metr.

ATODLEN 2

Cynnig Tynnu Mannau Parcio i Bobl Anabl

Gladstone Road, Y Barri (198) (AU51)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 198 a 200 tua'r de-orllewin am 5.7 metr.

Wenvoe Terrace, Y Barri (51) (AW50)

Ar ochr y de-ddwyrain o'r llinell derfyn rhwng rhifau eiddo 51 a 52 tua'r gogledd-ddwyrain am 5.3 metr.

Dyddiedig 11 Awst 2016

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr yr Amgylchedd a Thai
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg
The Alps, Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (CIVIL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO 4) ORDER 2016

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 53 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to install the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 1 and remove the disabled persons parking places at the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Director of Environment & Housing (Ref.IF804) in writing by 2nd September 2016 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

The following Traffic Regulation Order is to be amended as follows:

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places (Civil Enforcement) Order 2013

SCHEDULE 1

Insert Map of the Following Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places

Evans Street, Barry (8) (AV51)

Revoke existing Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours no return within 2 hours except Resident Permit Holders and replace with Disabled Persons Parking Place.

On its south west side from the boundary line of property numbers 7 and 8 in a north westerly direction for 5 metres.

Broad Street, Barry (101) (AW51)

On its north west side from the boundary line of property numbers 100 and 101 in a north easterly direction for 6 metres.

Cornwall Road, Barry (22) (AT52)

On its north side from the boundary line of property numbers 20 and 22 in a westerly direction for 6.6 metres.

Bassett Street, Barry (24) (AU53)

On its north east side from the boundary line of property numbers 22 and 24 in a north westerly direction for 5 metres.

Windsor Road, Penarth (164) (AI63)

On its south west side from a point 39 metres south east from the junction with Andrew Road in a south easterly direction for 5 metres.

SCHEDULE 2

Proposed Removal of Disabled Persons Parking Places

Gladstone Road, Barry (198) (AU51)

On its south east side from the boundary line between property numbers 198 and 200 in a south westerly direction for 5.7 metres.

Wenvoe Terrace, Barry (51) (AW50)

On its south east side from the boundary line between property numbers 51 and 52 in a north easterly direction for 5.3 metres.

Dated this 11th day of August 2016

M. E. Punter,
Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed residential development for 17 dwellings and associated highway and ancillary works
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the east of Mink Hollow, St. Nicholas
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Affecting the St. Nicholas

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00885/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed indoor hydrotherapy/jet pool
Location:/Lleoliad: The Mount, 1, Marine Parade, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00892/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replacement of existing dormer window. Replacement and alterations to existing gable window in order to use the bay below as a terrace
Location:/Lleoliad: Flat 3, 3, Marine Parade, Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:
Rhif y cais: 2016/00549/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: To fully repair the thatched roof of the property. Replace existing kitchen/bathroom floor. Improve the present staircase. Install a shower room on the first floor and install dwarf railings on the outside of the property
Location:/Lleoliad: Pound Cottage, 2, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00898/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Fence to outdoor pool to comply with HSE guidance notes
Location:/Lleoliad: United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St Donats
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00908/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Works required to prevent collapse of stonework to entrance to the clubhouse, adjacent arched and wing walls to steps. Take down defective stonework. Rebuild using same stone
Location:/Lleoliad: Wenvoe Castle Golf Club, Off Port Road, Wenvoe
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2016/00867/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed residential development (20 No.units) and associated highway and ancillary works
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Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyro o'r Cynllun Datblygu

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Cadoxton Bowls Club round-up

IN a rain-affected game at Victoria Park, Cadoxton overcame Sully by the narrowest margin of one shot.

At the end of the 15th end, a tremendous downpour had everyone scurrying to get their wet gear on. It was then agreed to finish the 16th end to finalise the game.

Cadoxton held a five-shot advantage at this stage. During the agreed final end, the rain worsened and everyone was pleased to get off the green, after Sully had decreased the difference to just one shot.

Scores: W Craven, A Prince, D Fanning, H Craven 14-12 P Neal, D Davies, A Smith, D Edwards; G Solomon, R Morris, M Curtis, I Robertson 16-18 C Michael, G Weadley, T Murphy, A Rees; E Heppenstall, A Carpenter, P Swannick, J Jones 16-12 S Norris, A Kelly, A Thomas, C Best; J Stacey, S Conway, I Heppenstall, D Kuhnell 8-11 E Pryer, D Curtin, B Curtis, H L Jones. Final score: 54-53.

CADOXTON V PENYRHEOL – ML5

Cadoxton travelled to Penyrheol hoping to secure the double after winning the home game by a solitary shot. Unfortunately, the result was reversed with a single shot win for the hosts.

There were two successful rinks and two losers. Howard Craven won five of the first 10 ends, with his team, but trailed 5-8.

At this stage a '4' took him in front for the first time. After dropping behind by one shot, on the 16th, a '3' closely followed by a '6' were scored to ensure success for the visitors.

Roy Harding's rink had a good start by taking a 9-1 advantage after six ends. By the 15th end the score had reached 17-7 in their favour, but unfortunately a '6' against narrowed the gap. However they finished with three shots to each side in the remaining ends.

On Don Kuhnell's rink the front players took a bit of time to settle on a tricky green and trailed by 9-0 after five ends.

On the next end the visitors skip turned the head over to make a '4' to get their first score on the board.

They continued to struggle throughout the game but managed to keep the losses mainly to singles.

John Jones had a steady start with his four holding a 7-6 lead at the half way stage. A bad four ends, when eleven shots were conceded opened a gap, and although they finished strongly the recovery was not enough.

Being last rink on they were aware that four shots were required for victory on the final end, which they thought they held, until the measure came out and there were only two counting bowls.

Scores: W Craven, D Hammond, I Robertson, H Craven 22-14; P Swannick, J Papoutsou, D Jeffries, J Jones 17-21; J Stacey, D Evans, K Chedgzoy, D Kuhnell 12-21; G Solomon, S Clarke, D Brook, R Harding 20-16. Final score: 71-72.

DK

Athletic fall for under 100 in loss

ON Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club first XI entertained Lisvane at the Athletic Ground, Barry Island, lost the toss and were asked to field first on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

It was not long before Barry got their first wicket when Frost had Bhatt caught in the slips by Goodway for 7; John Gee then had Mitchell caught by White for 15, and next to go was Brown for 7 LBW to John Gee.

Mitchell went with the score on 68 when he was LBW to Peter Hellyar for 27, and then Griffett got in on the act as he took his first wicket when he had Kearson LBW for 12.

Isreal was next to go, caught by Rhett Jones off the bowling of Hellyar for 1, while the next three wickets all fell to Griffett, Williams LBW for 11, Mohamed LBW for 0 and Javid bowled for 0 to end with figures of 4 for 28 in his 10 overs.

The last wicket of Curry fell to Frost, caught by Steve Provis for 46, and Lisvane were all out for 146.

Barry's reply got off to a brilliant start and had 41 on the board when the lost the wicket of Provis for 31 in 22 balls.

After this the wickets just kept falling - Jones caught for 0, White caught for 7, and then four wickets fell on 69 - Brock (6), Griffett (0), Goodway (18) and Frost (0).

The last three wickets fell for 15 runs with Gee (2), Nicky Jones (2) and last man out Ferriday for 7, and Barry had suffered another crushing defeat as they were bowled out for 84 and a 62 run loss.

It is not the end of their promotion hopes, however, with five games left and 100 points to play for.

This week Barry Athletic first XI travel to Rogerstone with the second XI at home to the same opposition's second XI.

MR

Cowbridge RFC warming up for start of season

WITH just over three weeks to for the start of the 15-a-side season, Cowbridge travelled to Tondu last Saturday for their annual sevens tournament.

Arriving for a 10am first game, the club had a squad brimming with pace and talent including Dan Holder, Ash Thomas, Craig Boxall, Zac Summerhayes, Rhodri Williams, James Phillips, Alex Guard, Will Williams, Freddie Harries and Nicky Griffiths.

Starting with a fine win over Velindre Vikings, the team followed that up with defeats to a strong Welsh Wizards invitation team and Pontyclun.

Following victory against Nantymoel in the semi-final of the Bowl, the boys came within a whisker of winning the final, only to be denied by a try and conversion in the dying seconds. Well done to everyone who contributed to a very enjoyable day.

This Saturday the club has a fun day, open to all ages, starting at about 3pm with a BBQ, activities and moving towards the evening with a band due to perform at about 8pm.

Tickets are £10 and we hope all at the club and beyond will support this event. If you want to get involved with the club this would be an ideal opportunity to come down and meet the players and see what fun can be had. Training continues at the club on Thursdays from 7pm.

The club's season starts on September 3 as the firsts start the season away at Penygraig with the youth home against Pontypridd - always a tough one - with the following Saturday Cefn Coed providing the first team's first opposition at home and the youth also at home against St Peters.

Also on September 10, the Army Air Corp team take on a Cowbridge XV (probably an early kick off) in memory of Captain Tom Clarke AAC.

We hope lots of players will make themselves available and many come to support all matches on that day. So, with some great early games to get the season under way, the day is going to be a busy one!

RV/RK

Gorgeous views for Farmers – *and the golf wasn't bad either!*

THERE are great views and there are great golf courses.

Rarely do they come together with such perfection as they do at Langland Bay Golf Club situated in the heart of the Gower Peninsular that recently welcomed 32 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society for their monthly meeting.

Voted 'Welsh Golf Club of the Year' in 2013 and set high above the Gower sand on a cliff top clearly designed by nature with only one purpose in mind, breathtaking golf, and that is exactly what popular member John Caines achieved.

John set off with playing partner Tony McCarthy and guests Richard Hendicott and Paul Naysmith by sinking a long putt on the par-3 opening hole followed with a birdie on the 475 yard par 5 second hole when his approach shot into the green came to rest just a few feet from the pin.

The spectacular 360-degree views across the Bristol Channel in one direction and the distant Brecon Beacons in the other failed to distract John and Tony as they continued to accumulate a winning score of 35 Stableford points to win this annual pair competition and collect the Maesglas Veterinary Group Shield.

In second place with 33 points was John Thomas and Martyn Edwards just one point ahead of Mark Rees and Geraint Davies who finished in third place. Chris Watson and John Davies finished fourth also with 32 points.

Hot favourites David Williams and partner Aubrey Bowen, unquestionably the oldest pairing to play in this event with an aggregate age of 156 years, failed to make any impression finishing with 28 points.

David Evans and Mark Roach finished with 34 points to win the visitors section just one point ahead of Richard Hendicott and Paul Naysmith.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan sponsored par-3 holes were Trevor Wooding, Arwyn John, John Thomas and Chris Watson.

Gareth Perkins hit the longest drive down the selected 17th fairway to collect the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge longest drive prize and also collected the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whiskey when correctly guessing 60 balls would fail to return home. This raised £60 for the Alzheimer's Society.

The society was extremely grateful to Maesglas Veterinary Group for sponsoring the competition and for supplying the many quality prizes.

And finally, congratulations to Aubrey Bowen the societies oldest-playing member who recently celebrated his 84th birthday by playing three rounds in four days.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25 at Cradoc Golf Club when members will be competing for the Anthony Brown Cup kindly sponsored by Llantwit Major Estate agents Anthony Brown & Co Ltd.

T.McC

Pre-season plans change for Barry RFC

UNFORTUNATELY, the planned pre-season warm up game for Barry RFC against Loughor, due to be played this Saturday, has been cancelled.

The first warm-up game will now be against Croesyceilog on Saturday, August 20, at home, kick off 2.30pm.

A trip to Lydney on Saturday, August 27 follows with a coach leaving the club at 12 noon.

Last week's lottery numbers were 5, 10, 12 and 14; again, nobody matched the magic four so this week's jackpot will be £2,360.

AJ

Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for August 8:

1st Dave & Debbie Lee 67.01%, 2nd Mia Deschepper &Mike Pownall 65.77%, 3rd Sue & Graham Norris 59.86%.

LE

Local photographer's personal perspective on that London 2012 opening ceremony

LAST Friday's opening ceremony for the Rio Olympics brought back for Porthcawl photographer Frank Shipton.

Frank told The GEM: "My son was a member of Danny Boyle's production team, so my wife and I were able to travel to London to see the final dress rehearsal for the show.

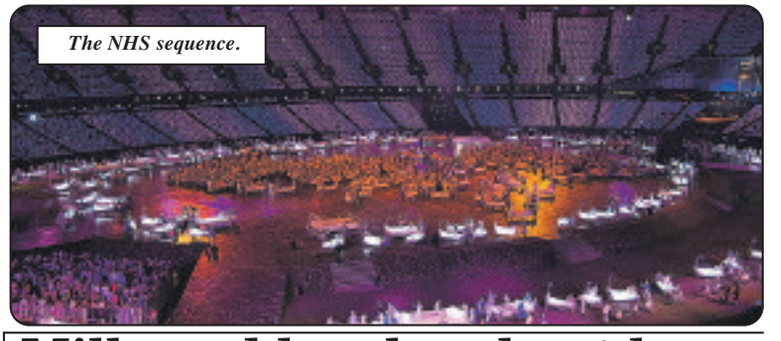
Frank can be contacted on email frankshipton@mac.com

The 'Thanks Tim' tribute to Sir Tim Burners-Lee.

'Our green and pleasant land'.

The Industrial Revolution transforms the landscape (above) and the fiery Olympic rings (below) are lifted into position.

Scary characters from children's fiction played their part in the show.



The NHS sequence.

Surfing open day in Llantwit Major

AFTER the success of last year's event, Channel Coast Surf Club are delighted to announce an 'introduction to surfing' day at Llantwit Major beach on Saturday, August 20, at 11am.

The club is offering the day to young surfing novices who have recently taken up the sport.

The day will involve a surf club summer beach clean, an educational talk from a Surfers Against Sewage representative, then the group will have surf safety guidance, basic surf instruction as well as an opportunity to meet other surfers in the area and make some new friends. Unfortunately we are unable to provide equipment.

If you would like to book a place email channelcoastsurfclub@hotmail.com or call 07968288224.

CH

Millwood bowlers kept busy

ON Wednesday evening, Millwood welcomed Llantwit Major for a Munro Cup fixture.

Under overcast skies the game was played in the highly competitive manner which both teams bring to the game.

After five ends Millwood had built a 19-shot lead which on this evening was going to prove ominous for the visitors because, try as hard as they might, they were unable to claw back this difference, especially as one of the senior Llantwit players had a game which all bowlers endure and would rather quickly forget about.

The match finished with a final score of 82-50 shots to Millwood.

Saturday, August 4 saw the club side travel to Rumney for a Division 4 fixture.

For once this summer the weatherman had got his hat on correctly and provided some long-needed good bowling weather.

After five ends, the home side held a narrow five-shot advantage. Over the next five ends only club captain Alan Evans and his rink were able to build a lead which they were not going to give up, finally running out 22-18 winners.

Peter Taylor went into tea after 10 ends five shots down; the break did not help their cause and after 15 ends they trailed 21-13.

However a strong fight back, including a five on the 18th end, saw them lose narrowly, 23-21.

Skips Brian Crockford and John Slee with their respective rinks found adjusting to the faster pace of the surface problematic, and despite John and his team registering a seven on the 20th end, both skips on this occasion were disappointed with their performances, going down 28-14 and 30-20 respectively, giving Rumney a 99-75 victory.

Saturday saw the Millwood A side welcome old rivals Barry Central to Broad Close on an ideal bowling afternoon.

There would be an extra edge to this game as Millwood had been sent home with their tails between their legs from the fixture at Gladstone Park.

After five ends, Central held a 21-13 lead, but after 10 ends the home side began to awake from its slumber and held a narrow lead of 34-31.

The next five ends, as was to be expected, was fought with no quarter given on either side with the scores level at 49-49.

The final six ends were fought as fiercely as any that had gone before and try as Central did, claiming victory on three rinks, a magnificent effort by Roy Gregory and his men, winning 27-10 against Dave Goddard, enabled Millwood to claim the victory.

Thanks go to all players for a game played throughout in the right spirit and we look forward to future games; congratulations and thanks to all who took part.

BH

Barry Town United ready for league opener

BARRY Town United's Welsh League Division One season begins this weekend, with Gavin Chesterfield's team hoping to avoid an opening day slip-up against league newcomers Undy Athletic at Jenner Park on Saturday afternoon (2.30pm kick-off).

The match with Barry will be Undy's first ever appearance in Welsh domestic football's second tier, yet the two sides are no strangers to one another, having contested a pair of Division Two fixtures in 2014-15, as well as a memorable Welsh Cup second round tie the preceding campaign.

That afternoon in November of 2013, Undy led the former holders on two separate occasions, only for efforts from Barry's Nickie Jones and Lee Baldock to put the hosts on level terms.

A long-range strike from Jordan Cotterill then looked to seal the Town's progress, before visiting Athletic scored a spectacular equaliser at the death; with TJ Nagi's extra-time winner proving the deciding factor in this 4-3 cup thriller.

Meanwhile, in league action, Undy currently hold the upper hand over Chesterfield's Town; winning 3-1 at Jenner Park in March 2015, following a 2-2 draw at the Causeway at the start of the calendar year.

With both teams enjoying a successful 2015-16, this weekend's Division One meeting sees Barry and Undy attempt to start their respective campaigns on the front foot; with Town supporters acutely aware of the potential banana skin the promoted visitors possess.

Nevertheless, hopes will be high at Jenner Park that Barry can replicate the kind of form that took them within a whisker of the Division One title last time around.

Kick-off between Saturday is at 2.30pm, with admission at the turnstiles for the new league season frozen at £5 (adults) and concessions, as decided by the fan-owned club's supporters at its summer AGM.

The same rates will apply for the Welsh League Cup first round tie against Briton Ferry on Tuesday, August 16 (7.30pm kick-off), with the latter to be decided via extra-time and penalties, if required.

Finally, on the eve of the new campaign, the Barry first team squad has been bolstered by the signing of former Carmarthen Town and Aberystwyth Town goalkeeper Michael Lewis.

With Welsh Premier League experience to his name, Cardiff-based Lewis featured in Aberystwyth's 2014 Welsh Cup final against TNS at Wrexham's Racecourse and represented the Seasiders in their ensuing UEFA Europa League qualifying round appearance.

AC

PG10 FOOTBALL TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT ACTION

PG10 recently took part in the prestigious 32nd Welsh International Super Cup in Cardiff hosted by Team Tours Direct.

The junior event has seen top professional footballers such as Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen, Robbie Fowler, Tomas Rosicky, Andrei Shevchenko, Owen Hargreaves and Shay Given grace the tournament.

PG10 had more than 15 teams participating in the tournament aged between under-six to youth level which saw them play over 80 fixtures against sides from across the UK and the world.

PG10 youth team ran out winners of their age group winning 3-2 in the final while the teams from under-six to under-11 played in non-competitive festivals, scoring over 245 goals and shining throughout.

The under-13s played in a competitive tournament and celebrated a successful and enjoyable week, losing to Maltese side Melita Nursery in the semi final.

PG10 also entered the English Super Cup held in Manchester, where the under-11 side shone and reached the final of the competition losing to a strong Manchester side 3-2.

To get involved with PG10, please email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk.

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BARRY BEAVERS BRAVE BREEZE FOR BARBECUE

ON August 7, Barry Beavers Disabled Swimmers Club held a party in Porthkerry Park for members, volunteers and supporters.

Games, a barbecue, music and a raffle were held on a sunny, but blustery, Sunday afternoon.

The photo shows members and volunteers with Jane Hutt AM.

Point-to-Point blast from the past 1991 by Brian Lee

AT the Pentyrch at Llantwit Major, Welsh champion Tim Jones brought his season's tally of wins to 13 with a double and luck was on his side in both races.

He took the members' race on Malcolm Davies' *Island Wonder* after the first and second favourites *Solar's Pride* and *Caesar's Bronze*, who were disputing the lead, both fell at the penultimate fence.

In the Men's Four Mile Open – known as the Welsh Grand National – fate also intervened. He was riding Paul Rich's *Temperable*, and had just been overtaken by John Llewellyn on *Harwell Queen* with four to jump when the leader fell at the next fence, leaving Jones and *Temperable* to romp home by 15 lengths from *Our Boreen*.

Rowland Mansell's five-year-old *Gold Shot* made it four wins out of five, scoring impressively under Tim Rooney in the Adjacent Hunts Race.

Newport housewife Joanne Hawkins was back in the winners' enclosure for the first time since 1988 when she took the Ladies' Open on George Wagstaff's *Rostuile*, which had 15 lengths to spare over *Little Lemon*.

My report on the Llandeilo Farmers' Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechases at Erw Lon, Pencader began: "Only two bookmakers turned up at the Llandeilo Hunt Point-to-Point at Pencader on Saturday, where gale-force winds and driving rain forced officials to abandon the meeting after three races."

Now, the Erw Lon course was not the most hospitable of venues at the best of times, and one would have to race from one side of the course to the other to get a glimpse of the horses. On this occasion, conditions were so bad that a number of owners would not run their horses and in two of the three races that were held only two horses faced the starter.

Few racegoers ventured out of their cars and those in the marquees took their lives in their own hands as the marquees were in danger of being blown away.

Two runners faced the starter for the hunt members' race and Brigette Barton made all the running to notch-up her first winner on her 12-year-old *Glen Maye*, which beat the favourite *Moshi-Moshi* ridden by Bridgend's Paul Hamer by 12 lengths.

There were seven horses in the following adjacent hunts race and this was won by Hamer, whose mount *Vivaque* came home five lengths ahead of *Caesar's Bronze*, ridden by the Vale's Katherine Christopher. Two of the horses were withdrawn from the race owing to adverse weather conditions and Hamer was chalking-up his 100th win between-the-flags.

Incidentally, *Vivaque*, owned by former Welsh seven-miles champion cross-country runner Bill Hancock, was a former stable companion of the legendary *Desert Orchid*.

Of the three horses declared to run in the next race, which was the men's open event, *Brown Rifle* was also withdrawn owing to the adverse weather conditions.

Conditions were a little better at Howick near Chepstow for the Curre Hunt Steeplechases where Penhow farmer David Stephens had a double with *Golden Rambler* in the members' race and *Willy Wagtail* in the men's open. The grey *Willy Wagtail* scored by five lengths from *Red Timber* and a notable absentee in this race was *Devil's Elbow*, owned by the Prince of Wales.

Matsix, owned by Rhondda's Norman Jones, took the ladies' open race with Pip Nash in the saddle and Guy Lewis, aged 16, of Llanmartin took the lead in the *Daily Telegraph* novice riders' championship with his fifth win of the season on *Channel Pastime* in the restricted open.

Llanwern steelworker Joe Price won the maiden on Irene Cook's *Grangerstown*, who at 12, was the oldest horse in the race.

You can e-mail your horse racing stories/pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone 02920 736438.

Llantwit Major ladies lose in Penarth

WE were unable to play our friendly with Porthcawl ladies on Tuesday due to the bad weather.

On Thursday we travelled to Penarth Rectory Road for a league game, unfortunately coming away with only two points.

Kay Johnes, Pat Brown, Margaret Morgan and Etta Gray were our only winning rink, scoring 19-15.

With Penarth scoring a five on the first end Liz Crouch, Margaret Horgan, Eryl Nicholls and Helen Nixon never managed to match it and lost 12-27.

Naomi Baelz, Anne Watson, Marilyn Gomaa and Julie Molloy had a close game but unfortunately lost 18-21.

On Sunday a mixed team travelled to Saundersfoot where everyone had an enjoyable game. Pat Brown, Cenneth Williams, John Nixon and Helen Nixon were our top rink with a score of 30-12.

Thank you Saundersfoot players for a lovely friendly welcome and we look forward to seeing you next May.

CW

Barrivale Bridge Club results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for August 2:

1st Irene Thomas & Mark Roderick 62.08%; 2nd Jane Brook & Mike Close 60.83%; 3rd Dave Reed & Denis Mottram 58.75%. Dave Reed and Denis Mottram won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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Wales RL under-16s are defeated by Lionhearts

A spirited second-half response was not enough for Wales under-16s as they succumbed to North West England Lionhearts under-17s 22-12 at Stebonheath Park in Llanelli on Saturday.

The third game of Wales' representative schedule saw them fall behind early on, with two tries coming down the visitors' left-hand side, Sam Lewis with the first, then Joe Heaton second, both converted by Callum Topping.

After Lionhearts' Tom Houragan Damer was sent to the sin bin for a tip tackle, Wales were able to take advantage of the extra space afforded to them and moved the ball wide to Morgan Johnson who finished well after being denied a similar try just moments earlier.

As both sides exchanged sets in search for the next score, the Lionhearts extended their lead to 16-6 just before the interval with a Cory Hamer try in the corner.

A fourth North-West try just after half-time, scored by Liam Byrne and converted by Topping, seemingly put Wales out of reach, but the hosts responded brilliantly; a flowing passing move culminated in Iuean Smith touching down in the corner and Taylor Phillips converting.

The home side pressed to reduce the deficit further, but staunch defence from the Lionhearts resulted in an entertaining contest drawing to a close.

The Wales under-16s staff would like to thank the Lionhearts staff and squad for travelling to west Wales and being a part of a fantastic occasion in which we hope to reproduce next year.

We would also like to thank everyone involved at Stebonheath Park for making the day run so smoothly.

Despite the scoreline, everyone in WRL is extremely proud of how every player represented their country in this well-fought encounter.

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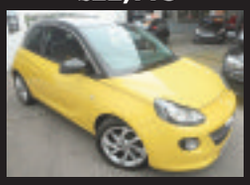

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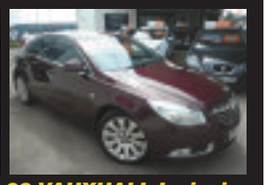

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09 **FORD Fiesta 1.4 Titanium 3-Dr Automatic** In hot magenta, 53,000 miles **£5,495**

11 **SKODA Fabia 1.2 SE 12v 5-Dr** In silver, 47,000 miles, economical hatch at **£4,495**

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58 **SKODA Fabia 2 HTP 1.2 5-Dr.** Met Grey, 50,000 miles, nice example..... **£3,795**

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57 **RENAULT Clio 2.0 Dynamique S** In black, 63,000 miles with pan-roof, keyless-go etc .....**REDUCED TO £2,995**

58 **FIAT Grand Punto 1.4 Dynamic 3-Dr** In met-blue, 63,000 miles, low running costs .....**REDUCED BY £300 TO £2,695**

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Rhoose Lifeguard teams in action

FOLLOWING the recent Nippers SLSA Wales Championships where they finished in a very impressive second place, the junior, senior and Masters team started their competition hoping to match the younger group's success.

With events starting on the Friday evening, July 29, for the Masters and with all age groups competing then through the Saturday and Sunday, all of the competitors, their families and supporters enjoyed a great weekend of racing and sunshine!

The teams performed excellently throughout the competition with many points and medals won for the club both in the individual and team and pair events.

Special congratulations to all of those who picked up individual Welsh Champion gold medals including Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Heddus Davies, Jo Phillips, Jon Foster, Ellie Peterson, Kelsea Peterson, Alex Parry, Ethan Wall, Brooke Peterson, Millie Wiggins, Dyfan Goode, Cian Davies and Jason Grice.

Congratulations also to new Masters competitors Damon Gibson and Joanna Phillips for competing in their first event.

Damon and Jo picked up a medals in the team relays with Jo also winning an individual gold medal in the beach sprint and bronze in the flags event - well done Jo!

An event that started on the Friday evening and ran through the whole weekend needs much help and support, to ensure it runs smoothly, so once again thanks to all of those who helped the club – be it with marshalling, points scoring, carrying kit and craft – or managing the teams and competitors.

All of the efforts paid off as the team from Rhoose were named overall joint winners (with Penybont) taking home the Wilkinson Sword trophy. Well done, team Rhoose!

The teams finished in their age groups in the following positions: juniors first place, seniors second place and Masters fourth place out of the teams competing.

Individual medal winners

Surf Swim - Heddus Davies, silver; Kathryn Gardner, bronze; Jason Grice, gold; James Hamer, silver; Declan Ewington, bronze.

Board - Karen O'Donoghue- Harris, gold (and silver in senior race); Heddus Davies, silver; Sarah Bryant, bronze; Kelsea Peterson, gold (and gold in senior race); Lauren Blake, bronze; Brooke Peterson, silver; Ethan Wall, silver; Alex Parry, gold; Jason Grice, silver.

Surf Ski - Karen O'Donoghue- Harris, gold (and silver in senior race); Sarah Bryant, silver; Kelsea Peterson, gold (and gold in senior race); Kathryn Gardner, bronze; Brooke Peterson, gold; Tesni Gardiner, silver; Alex Parry, silver; Ellie Peterson, gold; Millie Wiggins, silver; Jason Grice, gold; Declan Ewington, silver.

Ocean Lady - Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, gold; Sarah Bryant, silver; Kelsea Peterson, silver (and gold in senior race); Lauren Blake, silver; Brooke Peterson, gold; Tesni Gardiner, silver; Alex Parry, silver.

Beach Sprint - Joanna Phillips, gold; Jon Foster, gold; Kelsea Peterson, gold (and silver in senior race); Ellie Peterson, bronze (and bronze in senior race); Brooke Peterson, gold; Ethan Wall, gold; Millie Wiggins, gold; James Hamer, bronze.

Beach Flags - Heddus Davies, silver. Joanna Phillips, bronze. Kelsea Peterson, silver (& bronze in the Senior race). Brooke Peterson, bronze. Cian Davies, gold. Alex Parry, bronze. Ellie Peterson, gold. Millie Wiggins, silver. James Hamer, bronze.

1km Run - Heddus Davies, gold; Jon Foster, gold; Lauren Blake, bronze; Kelsea Peterson, bronze; Dyfan Goode, gold. **JF**

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SUCCESS AT MUMBLES FOR BARRY ROWERS

Barry Yacht Club Rowers (from left) Paul Fisher, Jane Peters, Lisa Mair Jones, Ben Hitchcock, Julia Heslop – with Isabelle.

BARRY Yacht Club Sea Rowers were once again in action in Mumbles recently.

At an event hosted by Mumbles Amateur Rowing Club they competed over a 10-mile distance.

The course, starting close to Verdi's Café, followed the coast past Caswell and Langland Bays to Pwlll Du and back.

Following a determined row on the return leg to overhaul the Ferry Flyers and almost catching Mumbles Ladies on the line, the Barry crew came a very creditable seventh out of nine boats winning the Open Mixed Trophy.

The result was especially pleasing for the two novice rowers in the boat with only a handful of rows between them. Well done to Lisa Mair Jones and Ben Hitchcock for a great effort.

Thanks must also go to Jane Peters (cox) for continually encouraging the crew throughout the race and raising the level when it was needed.

The hospitality at Mumbles was second-to-none and everyone is now looking forward to the next opportunity to get back in the boat.

PF

Rhoose's Kyle (14) breaks British swimming record

KYLE BOOTH (14) of Rhoose, who attends Barry Comprehensive School, trains with the City of Cardiff Swimming club nine times a week.

He recently competed in the British Nationals in Sheffield and to qualify Kyle had to be ranked in the top 24 swimmers in Britain in his age group (15 and under).

Kyle qualified in the top 24 to swim in the 50m breast stroke, 100m breast stroke, the 200m breast stroke and the 50m fly.

Kyle swam the heats and qualified for the finals in all of the breast stroke races, and in the finals he came 11th in the 50m breast stroke, sixth in the 100m breast stroke and first in the 200m breast stroke in a time of 2.22.41.

Kyle's 200m time broke the current British record for the 14-year-old age group, and Kyle is now the new British record holder for this event!

CB

Heat is on at vice captain's prize competition day!

ON the hottest day so far this year, the ladies' of Brynhill golf club played their vice-captain's prize competition.

The ladies' vice captain, Mrs Olwen Thomas, could not have wished for better weather to celebrate her day as 32 ladies slapped on the sun lotion and ventured out to endure the heat.

Unfortunately, a few of our ladies were overwhelmed by the heat and were unable to return to the club for the evening's presentation. Those that did were entertained by Miss Harries Knowles, a musical theatre student at Bridgend College. Miss Knowles sang a medley of songs including Dolly Parton's beautiful number, *Jolene*.

The ladies' vice captain then presented the winners with their John Lewis voucher prizes.

Olwen Thomas and Sam Pascoe.

Olwen Thomas and Jenny Pateman.

The winner of the bronze division was Mrs Jenny Pateman with 38 points, over the back nine from Mrs Jan Tatersall, while winner of the silver division was Mrs Sam Pascoe, with 36 points.

The presentation concluded with the vice captain, thanking all the ladies for their support on her special day. She also thanked Miss Knowles for her wonderful entertainment, and the bar and green staff.

Mrs Thomas thanked our ladies' captain, Mrs Liz Fine, for her support during the day.

OT

Barry Blitz sees chess players tested

THE second week of the tournament saw the same programme of matches although the colours were reversed.

Stephen Bonutto was getting too comfortable playing all of his matches on the first night over the same board.

This time, the top board was allocateds to the Open section leader, Ashley Davis with current Plate leader, John Stephenson on board two.

The night started with both Ashley and John having a two-point advantage in their respective sections.

There were 66 matches to complete, but none of them ended in draws.

Surprisingly, the players with the black pieces won 35 games whereas white only returned 31 wins.

The second night belonged to Rhys Steele, who won all 11 of his games.

This gave him a total score of 20 from his 22 games. Would it be enough to win the competition?

Unfortunately not. Although Rhys did beat Ashley to reduce the deficit, this turned out to be the only points Ashley dropped.

So the winner was Ashley with a score of 21. Further down the table in the Open Section, there were improved results for both Matthew Davies and Ken Hannah, but neither of them were able to move up the table.

The top six players all finished in exactly the same position that they held at the halfway stage.

In the Plate, John Stephenson started better and by round 18 he had wrapped up the title. The runner-up spot was not to be decided until the final round. Martin Ricketts, Peter Watkins and Stephen Bonutto were all tied on six as we entered the final round. Martin and Peter both had a tough last match and duly lost.

Stephen had a win to be runner up on seven points, four points behind John Stephenson.

Just like the Open section, the six Plate entries all remained in the same position as at the start of the night.

Mention should be made of David Jones who was ranked bottom. He won two of his 11 matches on the night to finish on three points and had there been a ranking prize it would have been won by David.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club. St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

Phil Jones